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Sneak Attack By Central Banks Helps **Boost Dollar**

Dow Soars to Record On Currency's Rise and Soft-Landing Scenario

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribund

PARIS - Ten of the world's major central banks staged a coordinated surprise attack in support of the dollar Wednesday, driving the U.S. currency up sharply and encouraging investors to buy into a record-breaking stock rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared \$6.46 points, or 2 percent, to a record 4.465.14. A government report indicated the U.S. economy was growing at a rate consistent with the "soft-landing" scenario: where corporate profits continue to rise but inflation stays under control. That, along with the dollar's rise, helped the Dow post its largest one-day gain in three and a half years. (Page 11)

The intervention, which came at a time

when the dollar was not under attack, was viewed by analysts as a sea change in U.S. policy, demonstrating that Washington was committed to preventing the dollar from weakening further.

The move also fed speculation that the Bundesbank, in a coordinated move to bolster the dollar, would ease German in-terest rates at its council meeting Thurs-

day.

The intervention, which came at the start of trading in New York and just before European markets closed, stunned traders because the currency had barely moved in slow trading until then. Nine European central banks joined the U.S. Federal Reserve Board in the concerted

action, traders said.
"It's very unusual," said Ronald Leven
of J. P. Morgan in New York. "Central
banks traditionally react to events. It's
unusual, particularly for the United States, to adopt such a pro-active stance."

It's a clear message that the United States has no deare to see the dollar go lower," he added.

Bill Duffey at Coldward, Sache, agreed. He called the integration is very important event, and said it signated in strong U.S. commission to keep the dollar from weakening.

weakening." In New York, the dollar closed at 84,565 yen, up from 82.725 Tuesday. It rose to 1.4165 Deutsche marks, from 1.3883 DM. In Washington, Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin said the move was in line

countries. He emphasized that the United States was prepared to continue to cooperate in exchange markets when appropriate to

with exchange-rate objectives of the Group of Seven leading industrialized

support the dollar.
The United States is widely viewed as favoring a weak currency as a lever to extract trade concessions from Japan. The Clinton administration has repeatedly de-

The acrimonious trade talks between Washington and Tokyo are now stalled, but in Geneva, Andrew Stoller, deputy head of the U.S. delegation to the World Trade Organization, said Wednesday that Washington was prepared to reopen those

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HISTORIC VISIT - Prince Charles arriving in Dublin on Wednesday. He was met by Foreign Minister Dick Spring, right. Charles's official visit to Ireland was the first by a member of Britain's royal family since 1911. Page 5.

China Test-Fires Its First Mobile ICBM

By Joseph Fitchett International Revald Tribune

For the first time, China is believed to have test-fired a mobile missile capable of hitting targets throughout Asia and Russia and even on the West Coast of the United States, according to reports Wednesday from Japan, where the launching was mon-

Coming soon after a nuclear test, the launching of the new long-range missile. known as Dongfeng-31, underscored China's drive to modernize its strategic arse-

The missile, estimated to have a range of 8,000 kilometers (5,000 miles), has been in development since 1970, bot only assumed its present form in 1985 when radical design changes converted it to a solid-fuel, three-stage missile.

There have been reports — never con-firmed —that Iran was providing financial

Wednesday that it had recently arrested

nearly 30 activists of the Islamic Resis-

tance Movement, or Hamas, in and

around Bethlehem, in the occupied West

the Hamas men "operated explosive de-vices," set fire to cars in a Jerusalem

Jewish neighborhood and threw gasoline

bombs at the home of the Bethlehem

mayor, Elias Freij. They had planned

bombings, kidnappings and killings of Israelis which were foiled, the army said. Israel on Tuesday praised the self-rule

Palestinian Authority that took control of most of the Gaza Strip and the West

Bank Jericho enclave last May for its

crackdown in recent months on Islam-

A statement issued by the army said

assistance to China to produce the missile. China has sold shorter-range missiles to Iran and to Saudi Arabia.

Mobility is the key feature of the oew missile because it will be hard to track. When it enters service, probably within two years. China will become less vulnerable to any risk of a disabling first strike.

Some older Chinese intercontinental ballistic missiles have even longer ranges. un to 12,000 kilometers, but they are based in silos or caves. That mode improves their offensive accuracy, but their fixed location exposes them to reconnaissance and targeting for a preemptive strike or interception by missile-defense systems of the type possessed by both Russia and the United

Mobile missiles, on the other hand, are difficult to detect, as U.S. warplanes found when seeking Scud missile-launchers on Iraqi trucks during the Gulf war. Earlier Chinese attempts to make long-

Although other nuclear powers have beeo observing 2 moratorium on nuclear tests, China has continued carrying out the program to modernize its warheads. Its underground test last month triggered severe criticism from Japan, which has threatened to cut back on aid to China because of it.

The Dongfeng, or East Wind, which was test-fired over land on Tuesday, reportedly can carry a single nuclear warhead weighing three-quarters of a ton and packing a destructive charge nearly 20 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

range missiles moved by rail produced intermediate-range versions, in the 2.000kilometer category, some of which can also be launched from submarines.

China's Foreign Ministry declined to confirm the test, but diplomats in Beijing were quoted by news ageocies Wednesday as saying that it had occurred.

Ground Role for U.S. In Bosnia Nearer as **Clinton Shifts Policy**

Temporary Use Of Troops Seen

By John F. Harris

COLORADO SPRINGS - President Bill Clinton vowed Thursday that he would not leave UN peacekeepers in Bosnia "in the lurch," even if that meant sending U.S. ground troops to help the embattled international force there shore up its position.

Mr. Clinton emphasized that any U.S. role in the "reconfiguration" of the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia would involve only a "temporary use of our ground forces," and would come "after consultation with the Congress."

Taking pains to allay fears that his ad-ministration may be slipping into the Balkans violence more than it intended, Mr. Clinton declared: "I still believe that we have made the right decision in not committing our own troops to become em-broiled in this conflict in Europe, nor to join the United Nations' operations." Neither Mr. Clinton oor his aides were

specifie in just how imminent a movement

of U.S. troops into Bosnia might be.

"We have received no such request, and
we have made no such decision." Mr. Clinton said.

But a White House spokesman acknowledged that the plan had been discussed in detail by officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and said that whether it is implemented "is not exactly clear, and to some extent depends on the Bosni-

He said Mr. Clinton's promise to consult with Congress did oot mean that he would seek a vote of approval, only that he would discuss any deployment with leaders on Capitol Hill.

At the Pentagon, a senior official stressed that U.S. forces, if called upon to help, would be assisting a NATO opera-

"The United States does not and will not contribute ground forces directly" to the United Nations force in Bosnia, the

The aide added that it was "critical" for U.S. allies in NATO to have "confidence that the United States would be ready to

belp if worse came to worse." Republican officials in Congress have reportedly assented to a circumspect use of U.S. troops only if they remained under

NATO command. Mr. Clinton's remarks at the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony in Colorado Springs were the first he has made on Bosnia since a U.S.-led NATO bombing mission failed to soften the resolve of Bosnia's rebel Serbs, and instead prompted them to take nearly 400 UN peacekeepers as hostages.

The vulnerability of the UN force prompted the president to speak explicitly about a possible new role for U.S. forces.

White House aides said. "It's important to send a signal that we would be there" to help the UN force, said the White House press secretary. Michael

Mr. McCurry acknowledged that some allied officials had been critical of the United States for not putting troops on the ground in Bosnia. The U.S. contribution has so far been limited to participating in

NATO's air campaign. Until this week, the administration had presented only two scenarios by which U.S. troops might be committed: either to help evacuate the UN force, or as peaceneip evacuate the UN force, or as peace-keepers if Bosnia's warring parties signed a comprehensive peace agreement. comprehensive peace agreement.

The idea that American troops would go in as part of a NATO operation to reinforce the UN force had not been offered by administration officials until this week. They presented the scenario as a variant on the previous U.S. commitment to help evacuate the UN force.

At a time when the administration's Bosnia policy has come under increasing criticism in Congress as ineffective, Mr. Clinton offered a defense of his strategy of limited involvement. He said the UN peacekeeping mission supported hy NATO had alleviated some suffering, even if it had not brought an end to bloodshed.

Peacemakers For Balkans Crank Out

By Rick Atkinson
Washington Post Service

War Sounds

NOORDWIJK, Netberlands -Three days of emergency meetings among major powers this week bave produced a redesigned Bosnia strategy that increasingly resembles a war plan more than a peacekeeping opera-

The concepts now emerging from NATO, the United Nations and Western capitals suggest preparations for combat that go beyond anything con-templated previously in the three years of civil war: the consolidation of UN forces in reinforced fire bases; the mustering of additional air, sea and land forces in the Adriatic theater; the formation of a heavily armed rapid reaction force, and the forcible open-ing of overland routes between UN

The Clinton administration's declaration Tuesday that U.S. ground troops might be sent to Bosnia to help UN forces take up more defensible positions is perhaps the most vivid sign of the West's deepening involvemeet in the Bosnian quagmure.

Both the political rhetoric and military developments of the last week imply a steady escalation toward open warfare. Bostian Serbs insist on calling their 350 UN hostages "prisoners of war." The Bostian Serbs agaiet, Radovan Karadzie, warned the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, "The more soldiers you will see the more violence you will see the province will be a see that we will see the province will be a see that we will see the province will be a see that we will be a see that we will be a see that which we will be a see that we wi send, the more violence you will get.

Such threats notwithstanding, the forces massing along the Adriatic coast include 10,000 U.S. sailors and Marines, three aircraft carriers, two attack submarines equipped with cruise missiles and U.S. Air Force AC-130 gunships. The vanguard of up to 6,000 British reinforcements arrived in Croatia on Tuesday and Wednes-

The hottom line is that I really think the Bosnian Serbs have declared war on the UN." a North Atlantic Treaty Organization general said Wednesday. "They've made it bard to back off

Whether the policy changes now being considered lead to sustained fighting between Bosnian Serbs and NATO forces, or are the prelude to a complete withdrawal of the UN Protection Force, is a question no one can answer. The West's military-diplomatic approach to Bosnia seems not

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West and Russia Meet to Set Out

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization began a formal dialogue with Russia on Wednesday in an attempt to put an end to decades of Russian isolation from the West and develop a stable security relationship be-

tween former Cold War enemies. The opening of security talks between Russia and NATO followed months of political uncertainty caused by Moscow's strenuous opposition to U.S. proposals to expand the alliance eastward to include such former Warsaw Pact countries as Poland and Hungary. The action taken Wednesday had effectively been delayed six months because of fears voiced by President Boris N. Yeltsin that plans for NATO expansion could result in the Cold War giving way to a "cold peace."

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher applauded the Russian change of heart as an "enormously important step" for both Russia and the 16-member NATO alliance Speaking at a specially convened "16 plus one" meeting in this Dutch seaside resort, he promised Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, that there would be "no return" to the Cold War era of competing military blocs and a divided Europe.

Western governments view the new security dialogue between Russia and NATO as a "parallel track" to a series of gradual steps that are likely to result in the enlargement of the alliance by the end of the century. Taken together, the two tracks

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AGENDA

Israel Seizes About 30 Hamas Activists JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel said

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Pioneers of Justice Tag the Parents for Kids' Crimes

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By Timothy Egan

SILVERTON, Oregoo — The Municipal Court in this Willamette Valley town of old-style rhythms is being visited by a new class of offenders - mothers and fathers of the children of Silverton. They are charged, essentially.

New York Times Service

with being bad parents. "My son was caught with a cigarette in his mouth," Carley W. Brock, one of the first of a dozen people to be cited under this town's Parental Responsibility Law, told the court. "That makes me guilty, I guess."

Another parent, Anita Beck, was cited after her 15year-old son was picked up for shoplifting cologne. But unlike Mr. Brock, who agreed to attend "parenting" class as his penance. Mrs. Beck strongly objected to the law itself. She sued, contending it was unconstitutional to be hauled into court for an oldense that somebody else

Oregon, the first state in the nation to ration public health care and legalize assisted suicide, is now pioneering in another area — juvenile justice.

WRAPPING UP - Workers in a factory near Leipzig sewing a panel for

Christo's project to wrap the Reichstag. The work gets under way June 17.

In January, the town of Silverton, population 6.200, created one of the nation's strongest Parental Responsihility Laws, holding parents accountable for offenses committed by their children under the age of 18.

And this week, the Oregan Legislature passed an act, largely modeled after the Silverton law, that will require parents to keep their children from breaking the law - or face a judge who could fine them up to \$1,000 or sentence them to classes in parenting or alcohol or drug abuse.

The Silverton law is being examined by several hundred cities around the nation, part of a movement that holds that poor parental supervision is at the core of juvenile crime. What government here is doing, in response, is trying to legislate stronger, more disciplinary

Juvenile crime has dropped in the first four months

that the Silverton law has been in force, the police say What is more, the law appears to have had the effect of forcing parents to keep a closer eye on the children of Silverton, which already has a strict 10 P. M. curfew. Of the 12 people cited since the ordinance went into effect. 8 have received sentences of fines or warnings or required attendance at classes. Four cases have been dismissed.

"I don't think we're telling people how to parent," said Randy Lunsford, the police chief, who helped create the law. "We're just giving them a tool to become better parents, trying to get at some of the parental apathy and

Critics, however, said the law is Big Brother intervention. On that point, Chief Lunsford concedes that the law is designed to make sure parents know what their children are up to at all times.

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Fighting Exclusion From the Bar/An Extremist's Story

A Lawyer Wins His Stripes 51 Years After Arrest

By Jan Hoffman

EW YORK - Now that he is officially, legally and in every other imaginable way a member of the New York bar, John F. Cassidy doesn't plan to open a practice. His eyesight is poor — he has cataracts — and he is getting on in years: He will be 85 in October.

But in Mr. Cassidy's view, the decision by the state's top court this month does far more than allow him a law license. It restores his reputation, he says, and redresses a ruling that banned him from his chosen profession 51 years ago.

In 1944, an appellate court rejected Mr. Cassidy's application because as a leader of an extreme rightist group in Brooklyn called the Christian Front, the court said, he urged the violent overthrow of the government of the United States.

In the broadest sense, Mr. Cassidy's involvement with the Christian Front — the incantatory speeches on Flatbush Avenue street corners, a spectacular three-month federal conspiracy trial - eerily prefigured the militia movements that have proliferated across the country.

But his is also a story about the right to be a lawyer, a cause pressed on his behalf hy lawyers with considerably more leftist leanings: his son-in-law and his son-in-law's occasional partner, a former civil rights activist and yoga teacher who has a 14-inch beard and

Mr. Cassidy - Jack to his friends and followers — grew up in Depression-era Brooklyn, very Irish-American, very Catholic and very determined to be a trial lawyer. After graduating from St. John's Law School in 1933, he took the bar exam six times before he passed it in 1938.

But then as now, a candidate still has to be approved by a court-appointed character and fitness committee.

Mr. Cassidy had just applied to the committee when be and 16 other men were arrested on Jan. 13, 1940; "J. E. Hoover Says Bombs Seized Were to Blast Important Centers," reads part of a headline in the lead story of The New York Times.

Mr. Cassidy was named as one of the group's principals.

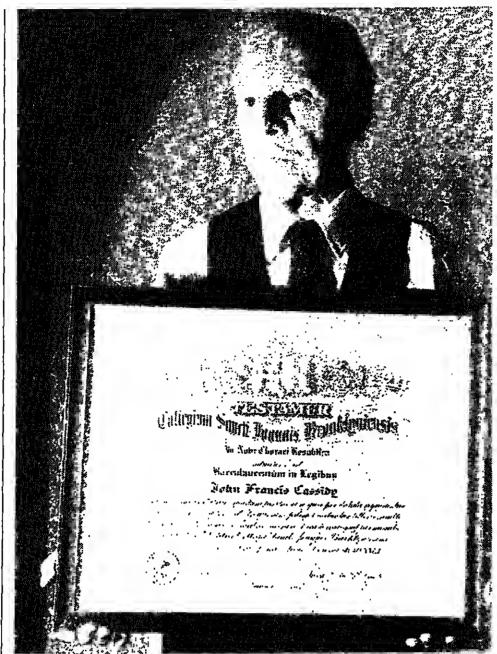
The FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, asserted that the group planned to hlow up the Jewish Daily Forward, the Cameo Theater on West 42d Street (which showed Russianmade films), the General Post Office and the Federal Reserve Bank, Their goal, he announced, was to overthrow the government and set up a Hitler-like dictatorship.

As he did then, Mr. Cassidy denies violent insurrection was their intent. During a telephone interview from his home in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania, he said, "I insisted that every American in the face of the Communist threat should arm himself to defend his home, his property and his country."
His little band, he said, would stand ready

to aid the U.S. Army when the Communist revolution began.

To contemporary ears, his dire forecast may sound ludicrous. But in the late 1930s, the United States, still struggling to emerge from the Depression, was caught in a desper-ate philosophical tug-of-war between the extreme left and the extreme right. Like millions of other Americans, Mr. Cas-

sidy, a clerk then at the electric company, sat by his radio Sunday afternoons, rapt, listen-



Mr. Cassidy, holding his St. John's Law School diploma, is still a die-hard conservative, he says, but opposes any group that threatens the security of the United States.

ing to the isolationist, anti-Semitic preachings of Father Charles E. Coughlin, who warned about lurking Stalinist infiltrators.

In 1940, nearly 50 teachers at New York high schools and colleges were fired for suspected Communist activity.

ND SO when Jack Cassidy set up his platform on Flatbush Avenue across from the Albemarle Theater to protest "Blockade," a movie about the Spanish Civil War starring Henry Fonda and Madeleine Carroll that he found too pro-Communist and anti-Catholic, hundreds gathered to listen.

Then and now, Mr. Cassidy denied that he was anti-Semitic - one daughter married a Greenberg, he offers in his defense. Nor was Father Coughlin, he said.

But David M. Oshinsky, a historian at Rutgers University in New Jersey, noted: "To say that Coughlin wasn't anti-Semitic and to talk about these organizations like the Christian Front as if they were simply anti-Com-munist and not pro-fascist or pro-Hitler is really a perversion of history." Mr. Cassidy spoke before the American

Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Holy Name Society. At the Christian Front's Friday night meetings in Brooklyn, he addressed upwards of 500 people, many of them New York City policemen. When the FBI arrested the club's core

members, it confiscated 15 partly made bombs, 18 cans of cordite powder, 12 Springfield rifles, four .22-caliber rifles, 750 rounds of machine-gun ammunition, dynamite, fuses, incendiary chemicals and a long sword.

The criminal justice system was a little different back then. The trial of 17 defendants for conspiracy started a mere four months later. And rather than 10 lawyers representing one defendant, 10 defendants, including Mr. Cassidy, were represented by one lawyer, a former federal magistrate named Leo Healy.

Mr. Cassidy said that Mr. Healy, like many contemporary lawyers who have unpopular clients, was condemned for taking the case. Walter Winchell, after all, hranded his client, Mr. Cassidy, "the Führer of Flathush."

Eventually Mr. Bishop was identified as the

ideological loose cannon in the group; Mr. Cassidy, who took the stand, apparently came across as impassioned but law-abiding.

Nine defendants, including Mr. Cassidy.

were acquitted; the jury could not decide about the others, and the government de-

clined to try them again.
"During the trial I was never scared," Mr.
Cassidy said. "I ate that thing up. I felt like a member of the legal community, although I

guess l wasn't." Once acquitted, Mr. Cassidy pressed for his law license. During the four years that the character and fitness panel held hearings on his application, 26 people testified against him, including members of the Anti-Defama-

min heague.

Mr. Cassidy was absent for much of it, having been drafted. While he was overseas, the committee voted to admit him and passed his name to the Appellate Division of the 2nd judicial Department.

Judicial Department.

In 1944, the court, asserting it was not bound by the federal acquittal, said it believed that Mr. Cassidy indeed had conspired to violently overthrow the government.

Mr. Cassidy took the case to the Court of Appeals, which in 1947 upheld the lower court's decision. He was out.

Brokenhearted, he retired from political activism, made a modest career as a field accountant for construction projects and became involved in his Brooklyn parish. He received an award for volunteering from the administration of Mayor John Lindsay.

A few years ago, his son-in-law, Frederick Russo, a lawyer, told Mr. Cassidy's tale to his law partner, S. J. Khalsa, an American-born Sikh convert who was Mr. Russo's yoga teacher at the New School for Social Re-

OTH MEN, whose political sensibilities were formed in the late 1960s -Mr. Khalsa did civil rights work in Alabama - felt that Mr. Cassidy had been denied due process during the committee hearings in the 1940s and was banned because of his beliefs. They took up his fight.

"If he had applied for admission six years later during the McCarthy era, he would have been kissed on both cheeks," Mr. Russo said. Last year the committee again interviewed Mr. Cassidy. He denied nothing, said he regretted nothing. He was approved.

But the appellate court noted that in the 50 years since he had last applied to the bar, lawyers had an additional requirement: they had to pass a written ethics exam.

Mr. Cassidy despaired. He was in no condition to take a bar review course, much less an

Mr. Russo and Mr. Khalsa appealed to the Court of Appeals, which earlier this month granted Mr. Cassidy a waiver from the exam. Counselor Cassidy said he is still a die-hard conservative. While he opposes any group that threatens the security of the United States, he does not publicly quarrel with the

"I don't think they are a threat to the country that the Communists were," he said. "You don't know who blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City yet." He sighed. "I wish I were a defense lawyer.'

In Cyprus, Peace Means More Folly

War Is Continued With Words Across Disputed Buffer Zone

By Chris Hedges

New York Times Service

NICOSIA, Cyprus - On the deserted asphalt tract that slices through the center of this divided capital, there is a small painted triangle.

For 15 minutes each hour, Turkish troops are allowed to move from their border posts and stand inside the white lines.

The arrangement is part of a deal negotiated by the United Nations to give Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots access to several disputed areas along the 180-kilometer (110-mile) border that separates the north from the south.

It is a potent reminder that once the folly of war is over, folly itself is often all that re-

"lt's really a game of hop-scotch," said Major Richard Nixon-Eckersall, a British peacekeeper.

"You see, the Greek sentries, over there, can't see the lines. Are the Turks inside the lines or not? A lot of rock-throwing and insults are generated over this triangle. Last year the Greeks fired off five rounds at the Turks. This is considered one of the most volatile areas along the Green Line."

A buffer zone along the Green Line, set up after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and patrolled by UN soldiers, has prevented the re-sumption of the civil war that began in 1963.

The last clash took place two years ago when Turkish forces shot and killed a Greek Cypriot

The buffer zone - seven kilometers wide in spots, a few meters in others -- cuts through farmland, mountain passes and Many of the houses and

shops in the no-man's-land have furniture and goods still stacked inside. Some doors have signs warning of booby

The deserted Nicosia International Airport with its gutted terminals, the seaside resort of Varosha swallowed up in thick vegetation, and the whitewashed Olympus Hotel are crumbling from neglect and inhabited by stray dogs and cats.

The buffer zone is lined with earthworks, barbed wire, trenches, bunkers and watchtowers manned by troops about 43,000 Turkish and Greek Cypriot troops, including 30,000 Turkish soldiers sent

by Ankara to the island, stationed along it.

The northern side, which has one-fifth of the island's 650,000 people and a government recognized only by Turkey, is a dreary collection of towns and vilages that look like workingclass districts in Istanbul

lt suffers from constant shortages and high rates of unemployment and is propped up by the Ankara government with an estimated \$200 million a

income of \$12,000 a year, equal to those of Ireland and Spain Luxury hotels and shops selling designer clothes, bone china and computer software nestle

along tree-lined avenues.

As if the war had ended only a few days ago, the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots denounce each other in repetitive weekly editorials and polit-

The Ayios Demetrios Church Nicosia, in one of the stream of Greek exhibitions portraying Turkish perfidy, has just mounted a photo display of the desecration of more than 200 Greek churches in the northern part of the island

"For over 20 years our young men have been trained in the art of war," said the Greek Cypriot president, Glafkos Clerides, in his hilltop presidential palace.

"They are trained not to fight an external foe, but an internal enemy. This has had a devastating effect on the younger generation." The war between the Chris-

tians and Muslims in the Balkans is viewed by many on the island as an extension of the religious clash that grips Cy-

The mayor in northern Nicosia, whose father disappeared in the violence in 1963, keeps a poster denouncing the siege of Sarajevo on his office door. UN officials and Greek Cyp-

riot and Turkish Cypriot lead-ers say it would take little to trigger the conflict again.
The two peoples cannot be put back together," said Rauf Denktash, the leader of the

fears of the people. At the Ledra Palace Hotel checkpoint, where only foreign visitors who do not have Turkish or Greek names can cross, the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots have set up

competing billboards. Each side displays gruesome photos of atrocities they have

"Enjoy yourself in this land of racial purity and true apart-heid," read a biliboard directed at those headed to the north.

"Enjoy the sight of our dese-crated churches. Enjoy what remains of our looted heritage and homes."

Red and white star-and-crescent flags flapped over the Turkish Cypriot guard posts, about 400 meters away, and a sign welcomed visitors to the Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus.
An enlarged photo showed the bloody bodies of a Turkish Cypriot mother and her three children in a bathtub.

Another showed a priest firing a rifle with the caption. "A Greek Cypriot priest who forgot his religious duties and joined to the hunting of Turks."

Correction

An article about the effects of British privatizations, published in a special report May 16, erroneously characterized the income of the chairman and chief executive of British Telecommunications PLC. Jain Vallance's £663,000 remuneration included bonuses, but did not include stock options, according to a spokesman for the com-

Accusations Push Germans To Overhaul Tourist Office

BONN - The German government will cut funding to and and racial harassment. A third reorganize a tourism hoard whose New York office has faced she had translated an esheen plagued by accusations of say that called the Holocaust racism and sexism, the economics minister said Wednesday.

The minister, Günter Rexrodt, told Parliament that he would replace Ulrich Geisendoerfer, his representative on the 12-member board of the privately run German National Tourism Organization.

Two former employees of the board for \$30 million, claiming agency's New York office filed that it ignored his report.

lawsuits in March demanding a total of \$3.6 million for sexual employee was fired when it sur-"an absurd story."

And this month, the former deputy manager of the office, Fred Gross, claimed that he had been fired after he discovered a document in its files that directed the office to discourage "Jews, blacks, Hispanics and Asiatics" from visiting Germany. He has sued the tourism

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Behind the Badge, a Video Camera

CARLSBAD, California (Reuters) - If you are stopped for speeding in the United States, smile. Big Brother may be

watching you.

About 15 law enforcement agencies throughout the United States are testing a video camera smaller than a hadge that can be used for surveillance or at traffic stops to record the demeanor of suspected speeders or drunk drivers. Depending on the results, the device could be on the market as early as June and will cost \$3,000 to \$5,000, according to Robert Belt. sales manager for the manufacturer, Systems Engineering and

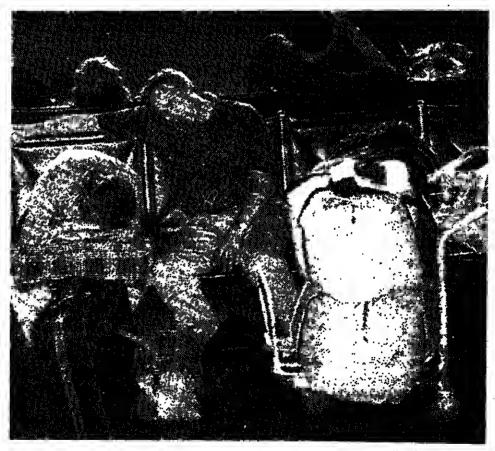
According to Mr. Belt, the company has been asked by several police departments to develop a device similar to the wireless camera and microphone it produced for the helmets of astronauts and for CIA covert operations. The company, which specializes in wireless videos, began developing the Personal Video Surveillance System about 18 months ago.

Moscow has not experienced such a hot May in a century. The temperature has been close to 30 degrees centigrade (86 degrees Fahrenheit) in the shade for the last 10 days, a good 10 degrees higher than the seasonal average. The city has not experienced such a hot May since 1889, the meteorological center in the capital said. French rail workers staged a partial strike Wednesday, caus-

hy as much as half, some hus routes were affected and some suburban commuter lines ran at about two-thirds of normal levels, they said.

ing delays on commuter and regional lines mainly in the Paris region, rail officials said. Service on some Metro lines was cut

The first Egyptian passenger boat to visit Israel arrived at the Red Sea resort of Eilat, the Israeli ITIM news agency reported Wednesday. The Golden Sea docked Tuesday with 100 tourists from Arab countries who planned to visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Herod's palace at Masada.



The heat forced officials at Moscow's airport to close its runway for safety checks Wednesday, allowing passengers to catch up on their sleep for up to seven hours.

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POLITICAL NOTES

Clinton Denies 'War on the West'

COLORADO SPRINGS — President Bill Clinton accused Republicans on Wednesday of "demonizing" his efforts to strengthen the West's economy and protect its environment as he began a two-day visit to the western United States.

The fact is I certainly have not made war on the West."

Mr. Clinton said in an interview in The Denver Post. "I have done my best to try to give the West a future and give you the possibility of a strong economy and a strong environment."

"Republicans are brilliant at demonizing their opponents and convincing people that up is down and down is up." Mr.

The president's efforts to increase fees and restrictions on grazing, mining and logging on federal land have drawn hitter opposition from some Westerners.

In a commencement address at the U.S. Air Force Academy here, he said congressional Republicans had failed to deliver on a promise to complete work on anti-terrorism legislation by Memorial Day. "Six weeks after Oklahoma City, there is no further excuse for delay," he said. (AP)

A Presidential Run by Gingrich?

WASHINGTON - Even in a city consumed with politics. Washington seems freshly atwitter these days with speculation over Newt Gingrich's political future. Is Mr. Gingrich

preparing to run for president?

"The conventional wisdom," said a person close to Mr. Gingrich, "is that he is open, he is toying with it, he is thrilled, he is intrigued and Joe Gaylord is thinking through how he

Mr. Gaylord, who is Mr. Gingrich's long-time political adviser, says this is not true. "I've done zip, zero, nothing about a presidential bid," he said. Asked if someone else was doing it, he said, "I don't have the vaguest idea if he's talked to anyone else about it."

Still, speculation is intensifying this week as Mr. Gingrich prepares to begin a 25-city tour to promote his new book. which his publisher says is being "positioned as a major best-seller," and heads on June 9 to New Hampshire.

There, the site of the nation's first presidential primary, he will scoot from event to event by helicopter as a caravan of up to 200 reporters and camera crews scuttle after him on the

Mr. Gingrich has adopted a pose of amused detachment. The topic of his running, he says, correctly, is being raised by reporters, not by him. But he is not discouraging it, nor are his

William J. Bennett, the former drug czar and education secretary, puts the chance of Mr. Gingrich's running at 51 percent, adding, "We will all know a lot more after the trip to New Hampshire and the book tour and we see what kind of press reaction he gets and reaction from the public."

His friends expect the reaction to be positive and extensive and believe that it might trigger the kind of draft movement that Mr. Gingrich may be waiting for. William Kristol. the Republican strategist, said: "It's not natural to have that degree of interest in him and be thrilled with what he's doing and then say, 'Well, we'll nominate someone we're much less enthusiastic about.' " (NYT)

Clinton to Name D.C. Director

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton intends to appoint economist Andrew F. Brimmer to head the powerful new financial control board that will oversee the District of Columbia government, a White House source said.

The president also intends to appoint two other members of the board - Joyce A. Ladner, interim president of Howard University, and Constance B. Newman, undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The law establishing the five-person board requires it to have at least three members to operate.

With the presidential appointment, Mr. Brimmer would become the most important unelected D.C. official since the city was granted home title 20 years ago. The unpaid position gives him substantial responsibility for turning around a crisis-ridden city that is running short of cash and running out

of credibility in Congress. Mr. Brimmer, 68, is a former member of the Federal Reserve Board and president of his own economic consulting firm. A director of BankAmerica Corp. and numerous other companies, he is considered an expert on banking and financial matters and served as co-chairman of a federal commission that analyzed the savings and loan crisis.

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President Clinton, threatening to veto the Republican re-write of the Clean Water Act: "House members operating with major industry lobbyists have come up with a bill that would roll back a quarter-century of bipartisan progress."

Away From Politics

e in a sharp counterattack to a federal investigation into Medicare and Medicaid frand, nearly two dozen of the largest American hospitals have sued the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Los Angeles federal court. The suit seeks to overturn the government's recent decision to deny payment for medical care using experimental devices that have not received final approval from the Food and Drug Administration. (LAT)

• Firearm suicides, especially among young people, are rising in the United States, according to a study by two gun control groups. The Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence and The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. The study said suicides by firearms outnumber murders by firearms. In 1992, the research showed that 37,776 Americans died by firearms, 48 percent of them suicides. Among youths between ages 15 and 24, 3,073 youths killed themselves with guns in 1992. (Reuters) • Women outnumber men among first-year students for the first time in the Yale School of Medicine's 182-year history. with women making up 56 percent of the class that entered in 1994. And Yale is not alone. Eighteen of the United States' 126 medical schools reported a majority of women in their first-year class this academic year, including Harvard and

Johns Hopkins. • U.S. authorities have allowed the Filipino wife of a suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing to ceturn to the Philippines, President Fidel V. Ramos said. In a nationally televised news conference, Mr. Ramos said Marife Torres Nichols, wife of Terry L. Nichols, "will be coming home to the Philippines shortly" with her one-year-old daughter, Nicole. (AP)

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - In a sweeping review of the government's affirmative-action programs. Clinton administration officials have concluded that most hiring and other preferences based on race or sex are justified in employment and

But they found problems with some purchasing programs that reserve federal contracts for companies owned by blacks or women.

A confidential report prepared for the president by administration officials catalogues numerous forms of affirmative action and analyzes the reasons for "white male resentment" of those

The report, prompted by Republican criticism of such programs, lays out standards for acceptable affirmative action: race or sex can be considered as "one among several factors." If num-bers are used, they should be "genuine goals rather than straitjackets or quotas."

Affirmative-action plans should be reviewed periodically to see if they are still needed. And the rights of "bystanders," including white men, must be respected.

U.S. Review Finds Most Affirmative Action Justified

Administration officials said President Bill Clinton would probably announce his conclusions in a broad thematic speech not yet scheduled, leaving agencies to disclose details of any

If Mr. Clinton proposes changes, they are likely to become a starting point for Republicans in Congress who want to go much further, possihly repealing programs that they say discriminate against white men.

When Mr. Clinton ordered the review in February, he evidently hoped to assuage the concerns of white men. But he and his advisers quickly concluded that they would alienate many blacks, Hispanic Americans and women if they pulled back too far from their support for affirmative action.

A senior administration official involved in the review said. "We concluded early on that the because the political costs would offset any political gains from curtailing affirmative action.

But the official denied that the review was part of a presidential re-election strategy. "From the beginning," he said, "we have viewed this as a moral and policy exercise unmoored from political calculations - an attempt by the president to discover and define what he believes. We spend more time talking about constitutional doctrine than the politics of affirmative action."

George Stephanopoulos, senior adviser to the president, said that the review was not complete and that it had taken somewhat longer than expected because "it's complicated."

He refused to discuss any preliminary concluissue, he said, "is not a political decision, but will minority business enterprises." be based on policy and principle."

A third administration official said that Mr. Clinton would offer "sympathy and understanding" to white men who resent affirmative action. U.S. emba Mr. Clinton indicated his strategy in a speech to contractors.

politics were a wash" for the administration the California Democratic Party in April, declaring, "This is psychologically a difficult time for a lot of white males, the so-called angry white males." who feel they have been treated unfairly.

The report upholds most types of affirmative action, saying they increase productivity by reducing discrimination and finding the best candidates for particular jobs. But it expresses concern about programs that establish "hard setasides," or rigid quotas, for blacks, Hispanic Americans and women.

As an example, the report cites Commerce Department rules for certain federally financed local public works programs. The rules say that no grant may be made for any project unless "at least 10 percent of the amount of the grant will sions. The president's ultimate decision on this be expended for contracts with or supplies from

A similar preference is found in the Diplomatic Security Act of 1986. At least 10 percent of the money for construction to improve security at U.S. emhassies is earmarked for minority

Simpson's Jurors To See Grim Photos

LOS ANGELES - Autopsy photos of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L. Goldman can be shown to jurors, the judge ruled Wednesday, turning aside arguments by O. J. Simpson's defense that the gruesome pictures would unfairly inflame jurors.

Judge Lance A. Ito agreed with arguments by prosecutors, who contended that the photos cut short last week so that he of the knife wounds were necessary to their case.

46 photographs they wanted to introduce. Four were denied for being redundant, and a fifth was still being considered.

The judge described some of

the photographs as "horrible" but said their value as evidence outweighed any potential preju-

During a hearing earlier this month, a Simpson defense attorney, Robert Shapiro, argued that the pictures would cause "revulsion and horror" in jurors. "It's unlikely anyone would look at these photos and not gel sick to their stomach," Prosecutors countered that

the photos would help jurors understand how the two were killed. During the hearing, useless. which Mr. Simpson chose not to attend, a prosecutor, Brian Kelberg, gave a detailed scenar-He said Mrs. Simpson was

very likely lying on the ground when her killer stepped on her hack, pulled her head back by the hair and slashed her throat.

Although prosecutors have said that Mr. Goldman happened upon the scene and then fought his assailant, Mr. Kelberg said Mr. Goldman's wounds show that he also was stabbed when he could offer little, if any, resistance.

Mr. Shapiro argued that the heads of the victims had been propped up in the photos to show open, gaping throat wounds. Mr. Kelberg said this was necessary to show the force of the knife thrusts.

In another ruling issued Wednesday, Judge Ito denied a defense request for sanctions against a prosecutor, Rockne Harmon, for allegedly contact-

Study Says Media **Neglect Women**

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Women are finding it harder to get on

the front pages of newspapers, except when they die.

Despite major news stories this year involving women — the O.J. Simpson trial, the death of Rose Kennedy and the

slayings of two workers at abortion clinics -- front page refer-

ences to women are down. Front-page references and quotes attributed to women dropped to 19 percent from 25 percent in 1994 hased on a review of 20 newspapers conducted by Women, Men and Media.

appropriate manner. Judge Ito

cution might have done, it "has not become privy to confidential defense information." Earlier, a police criminal investigator, Collin Yamauchi, concluded his testimony, and a state Department of Justice investigator, Gary Sims, returned to the stand. His testimony was

could attend a funeral. Mr. Yamauchi, accused by The judge ruled that prosecutors could show jurors 41 of the evidence, said he was not motivated by icalousy or resentment the defense of contaminating vated by jealousy or resentment when he testified of similar lapses by a defense expert, Dr. Henry Lee, Mr. Yamauchi said he harbored no ill feeling toward Dr. Lee and found him "a

> Mr. Yamauchi had testified that he did not see Dr. Lee change gloves when he inspected Mr. Simpson's blood-spattered socks in February at the Los Angeles Police Department

nice, congenial man."

laboratory.
Defense lawyers have repeatedly accused prosecution scientists of contaminating evidence by mishandling it, including failure to change gloves during collection and examinations. They have argue that the handling renders the DNA results

Judge Ito, meanwhile, has proposed longer court hours to speed up the trial. Court would days a week and from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Wednesdays. The judge rejected a jury request for Saturday sessions, saying it would be far too costly, and turned down a request for fullday sessions Friday.



Mr. Yamauchi, left, and Mr. Scheck as they sparred over the handling of DNA evidence in the O. J. Simpson trial.

Man With Babe Ruth's Uniform Strikes Out

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The latest possessor of a Babe Ruth uniform with a checkered past has been arrested and charged with stealing the \$50,000 pinstripes.

William Wilson 3d, 39, was charged after the police discovered the vintage New York Yankees uniform in his Harlem apartment, a police spokesman said The ill-fated flannel jersey and pants.

which bear Ruth's name embroidered in red, are believed to have been worn by him both in the 1920s and in the 1942 film "Pride of the Yankees."

In the 1950s, the uniform - pants size 44, shirt size 50 - was stolen from a

Hollywood costume company. One owner was killed in a mob hit, and the uniform disappeared. Then it spent the early '90s in a Long Island police property room after another owner turned it in with no explanation. When nobody claimed it the collector went to court and won it back. The uniform has

changed hands several times since then, The uniform disappeared again May 23 in a break-in of a car rented by Mark Lassman, president of Sports Card Heaven International in Davie, Florida. Other cards and memorabilia, with an estimated value of \$200,000, also were

he said. The vow has raised con- means using force."

Most of the stolen items were recovered from Mr. Wilson's apartment and from his family home near Philadelphia, the police said. Most of the rare collectibles remained

intact: \$400 for a Ted Williams card. \$400 for a Mickey Manue one. There was also a group picture of

encased in plastic with their price tags

Williams. Mantle and Joe DiMaggio. autographed by all three. By the time Mr. Wilson realized what

he had stolen, the police said, a friend had tried to sell some of the memorabilia back to Mr. Lassman for \$400.

past regime's sins.

Chile's High Court Backs Convictions in Letelier Case.

By Gabriel Escobar Washington Post Service

SANTIAGO - Chile's Supreme Court, ruling on the most sensitive issue left over from the Pinochet dictatorship, has upheld the convictions of two senior commanders who ordered the 1976 assassination of a former foreign minister, Orlando Letelier, in Washington.

The court's unanimous decision, awaited by Chileans with trepidation amid public grunhling from some in the military. sought to close a chapter on an act that brought international trial, there remained a sense notoriety to General Augusto that more was in the balance Pinochet's military regime and has hung over the two democratic governments that have ruled this now prosperous

country since 1990.

Outside the court on Tuesday night, the decision was greeted first with loud applause and then by some disturbances as the crowd dispersed and Chileans wearing masks threw mo-lotov cocktails and rocks at the police. Government officials and others played down the protests, which largely demanded stiffer sentences.

Beyond the legal aspects of the 17-year-old case -- in which the courts found that General Manuel Contreras and Brigadier General Pedro Espinoza ordered the assassination and sentenced them to seven- and

than a final verdict on two renesix-year prison terms, respec-tively — the trial tested the ingade commanders. dependence of the judicial sys-In a broadcast interview, tera, the strength of democracy and the will of a nation whose General Contreras, 65, assailed Chile's elected civilian rulers as

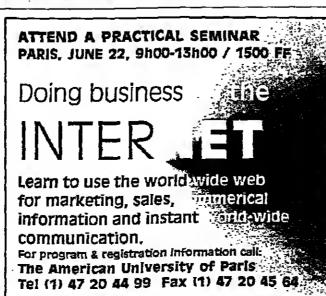
As current commander of the still imposing armed forces, General Pinochet remains a formidable presence, in part because his government is widely credited with fostering Chile's recent economic successes.

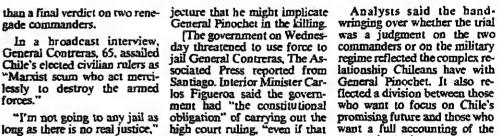
resurgence is very much owed

to General Pinochet.

Although many Chileans stressed that neither General Pinochet nor his regime was on







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Widespread Cheating Alleged in Ruling Party's Victory By Tim Golden New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY - Political conflict has deepened in the state of Yucatan as the conservative opposition has begun to rally its supporters against what it says was widespread cheating in elections that the governing party appeared to have won

Leaders of the right-of-center National Action Party said they planned to register scores of legal challenges to the voting results, but would not await rulings by state election officials to begin a campaign of protest marches and demonstrations.

some political experts for the the party's candidate for gover-Monday to his party's guberna-torial candidate in Yucatan. The fight appeared Victor Cervera Pacheco.

Right Challenges Yucatán Election

Mr. Cervera, 69, a former cabinet minister who has served as an unofficial governing party boss in the state for decades. the official count.

"People are determined to claim himself the clear winner, party and the opposition.

Mr. Zedillo was also crin-fight the battle because the elec-cized by opposition figures and tion is being stolen from them." congratulations he offered nor, Luis Correa Meña, said in The fight appeared likely to

add one more in a series of regional political struggles confronting President Ernesto Ze-The Zedillo administration has maintained a steady lead in and its Institutional Revolutionary Party are still trying to

With 90 percent of the ballots resolve leftist complaints about tabulated, the State Elections elections the governing party Council said he had 49.4 percent of the votes to 43.8 percent for Mr. Correa, the 34-year-old Those conflicts and others with former mayor of Merida, the the National Action Party have state capital. Mr. Cervera was delayed for months negotiacareful, however, not to pro- tions between the governing

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Agence France-Presse

post hefore dawn at Wahalkada in the island's east, killing a guard, a defense official said. Another soldier was killed and two were wounded in a hat-

tle in the same region, the army said, adding that it had killed two guerrillas

The Tigers have been fighting Colombo for an independent state in the northeast for 23 years. More than 50,000 people have died in the war.

The latest violence followed an attack Sunday on another road we have taken or the things we have done,"
Yu wrote. "Every day, in our hearts, we think of
only one thing; reverse the verdict on June 4."

17 Jailed Chinese Dissidents Boldly Appeal for Freedom

BARBON FT THREE SEA

Risking police harassment and arrest, activists have issued several petitions in the days leading up to this year's sixth anniversary of the June 4 crackdown, urging prisoner releases, tolerance of political dissent, a parliamentary reappraisal of June 4 and a public accounting of how many people died.

The handwritten appeal to the National People's Congress and its chairman, Qiao Shi, was issued by Yu Zhijian, imprisoned for life in 1989 for through eggs at the huge portrait of Mao It was not immediately known how Mr. Yu's bold appeal, dated May 23. emerged from No. 1 Prison in Yuanjiang, in central Hunan Province, where the 54 dissidents are imprisoned.

Seventeen inmates put their names on the

Mr. Yu said his appeal represented 54 activists imprisoned for their part in the 1989 pro-democracy demonstrations, which were crushed by the appeal, including two colleagues sentenced to 20 and to 16 years for the Tiananmen egg-throwing and 14 activists given terms of 10 or more years. deeply tainted by the June 4 crackdown. In these six years, we have never regretted the

clined to give their names for fear of jeopardizing

their release, he wrote. Saying he accepted that action would be timeconsuming and difficult, Mr. Yu suggested that Qiao Shi and Parliament take a gradual approach — starting by assuring that a Prison Law promulgated in December he aggressively

The law forbids prison heatings and other humiliation, which Mr. Yu said warders at Yuanjiang employed with impunity. His appeal contained several examples.

As a second step, congress should set up a panel to review the 54 prisoners' cases, which Mr. panel to review the 54 prisoners' cases, which Mr.
Yu said were investigated and tried in a elimate realize that Mao Zedong was not a god, but a

Thirty-seven dissidents serving shorter terms told Mr. Yu they supported the appeal hut de"I had a lawyer but rather than defend me, he only urged me to admit my guilt. How does this kind of lawyer differ from the prosecutor

> Finally, "various means" such as early parole and release for medical treatment "could be used to restore our freedom," Mr. Yu wrote, adding more than 10 activists had chronic illnesses.

> Mr. Yu again defended his own act of political dissent. He said Mao should be held responsible for modern China's worst calamities - the Great Leap Forward of 1957-60 and the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76 - which cost up to 30 million

criminal," Mr. Yu wrote.

True to His Word, Tokyo's New Chief Scraps Fair

By T.R. Reid Washington Past Service

army on June 4, with heavy casualties.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disparches
BEIJING — Seventeen Chinese dissidents im-

prisoned for political acts during the 1989 Tran-

anmen democracy protests have appealed to Par-

liament for their freedom — or a least better

Zedong that hangs in Tiananmen Square in

TOKYO - It may well cost Tokyo tens of millions of dollars, hut Yukio Aoshima dem-onstrated Wednesday that he is a man who keeps his prom-

The newly elected governor of Tokyo announced that he would cancel the planned World City Exposition, a huge international fair that had been scheduled to open here next spring for a 10-month

run.

Killing the project was a pillar of Mr. Aoshima's campaign this spring. He main-tained that the billion-dollar project would be a money-loser for the city government. But city accountants said killing the project at this late date, with construction well under way and hundreds of contracts signed, could cost \$50 million to \$70 million more than going ahead.

These figures may be suspect, since the hureaucrats. who produced them are said to be strong backers of the expo. Key business interests, particularly in real estate and tourism, also want the fair to go ahead on schedule.

But Mr. Aoshima said Wednesday that the money and corporate hacking really did not matter. He said the crucial thing, at a time when the people of Japan are deeply cynical about their elected leaders, is proving that a politician can stand by his word.

"The issue here is not mon-

ey, but the validity of a public

pledge," he said. "Any money

lost, or gained, can be made up eventually. The bigger question is whether Aoshima is a man who keeps his prom-

this teeming capital - Tokyo



Mr. Aoshima announcing Wednesday that he will cancel the World City Exposition.

ment, not a city - some ob- tered the calling, as his deciservers wrote him off as a "for- sion on the World City mer comedian." While Exposition demonstrates. accurate - Mr. Aoshima was shima was elected governor of entertainment business 24 making a choice that the vast times, so that he was the center that there is any easy way for

an actor in situation comedies portrayed himself as a gutsy, tion clear in the eampaign. He in the 1960s — he left the principled leader, even while put off a final decision several is considered a state govern- cian. And he has clearly mas- preferred all along.

For weeks now. Mr. Aoshima has been holding public week by a landslide vote of hearings on the fair, although In this case, he successfully he had already made his posi-

the popular decision. Opinion polls and editorial

views have largely agreed that a hillion-dollar city fair is far too expensive when Japan is mired in its longest recession in 50 years.

Mr. Aoshima quite vividly portrayed himself as the opposite of Japan's increasingly un-popular prime minister, To-milehi Murayama, who is constantly attacked here as

weak and spineless. Mr. Murayama, a liberal from the Social Democratic Party, cut a deal with Japan's most conservative party last year to gain the post of prime minister. At the urging of the conservatives, he has since cast aside most of the hasie

teness of the Socialists. Mr. Aoshima alluded rather hroadly Wednesday to the prime minister's conduct. "We are approaching the pivotal point for public distrust of politicians," he said. "We risk a crisis in our democracy."

What Japan needs right now, Mr. Aoshima said, "is to demonstrate that a political pledge means something." By keeping his campaign promise to kill the fair, he said, he has demonstrated the meaning of responsibility in politics."

Mr. Aoshima ran for his new joh as an independent, easily defeating the candidates from the major parties, His first two months in office have heen marked by hattles with the Tokyo Legislature, which is filled with major party poli-

In the case of the city fair, the legislature agreed last 100 to 23 that the project should go ahead, But the final decision rests with the gover-

years ago to become a politi- majority of his constituents of national attention Wednes- the legislature to reverse his

By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service

TOKYO - The dismissal by CBS News of Connie Chung as one of the two principal anchors on the main evening newscast has again raised questions as to whether a woman can ever reach the very top in television news.

The answer may be iffy on American networks, hut in the world's second-richest television market, the issue is settled: On Japan's network news shows, women rule the airwaves.

Of the five national commercial networks' flagship evening news shows, three have female anchors.

The Nippon Television network's nightly news show, in fact, had a dual-anchor showdown that closely paralleled the Dan Rather-Connie Chung struggle at CBS. In the Japanese case, though, it was the woman who emerged as sole anchor. Since then, ratings have tripled

Until the late 1980s, almost any woman on Japanese television news was expected to be a pretty young thing whose chief role was to nod approvingly when the men talked.

But the female anchors who dominate the network news here now are experienced, opinionated journalists. Most of them speak English. They are also generally older than the male reporters on their programs a crucial distinction in a Confucian society where seniority and respect generally go together.

Sri Lanka Rebels Strike

eastern camp that killed 26 sol-diers. The rebels also have been

accused of the massacre of 44

civilians last week, and of the

assassination of a leading Bud-

The fighting was renewed in April, after the Tigers withdrew

from peace talks with the gov-

ernment of President Chan-

drika Bandaranaike Kumara-

tunga. The army said 307

soldiers and 293 rebels have

The latest attack came barely

12 hours after the moderate

Tamil United Liberation Front

called on both sides in the war

The front said in statement

that it had "appealed to both parties to the conflict to resume

political contacts, 10 de-escalate

the fighting and to create condi-

tions conducive to peace and

reconciliation."

been killed since then.

dhist monk.

All this has happened in a country that is not exactly famous for equality of the sexes.

Women Dominate in One Sphere of Japan: TV News

More than half the women in Japan today hold johs. There is a growing cohort of female junior executives - a status known here as kya-ree-ah oo-man, the Japanese pronunciation of "career woman." But almost all Japanese businesses, institutions and public agencies remain male at the top.

The movement for equal rights in the workplace seems to be lagging - except for in this one particularly prominent workplace.

"It is kind of an anomaly to think that Japan has surpassed America in any area of opportunity for women," says Misuzu Tamaru, 42, a veteran woman correspondent who anchors the weekly current events

program "Information Special." "But when you scan the news shows at night," she says, "it's really clear that women are in charge."
The chief reason for the ascent of the anchorwoman

seems to be one that U.S. networks can readily understand: ratings.

"The commercial networks here are so competitive that they don't really care whether the anchor is male or female," says a media critic, Nohuhiko Shima. They will put anybody on the air who raises the rating. And these women are getting good ratings." The nightly news programs here are crucial to the

networks, for both profits and prestige. The hattle of the giants comes late here. The most intensive competition runs between 10 P.M. and midnight, when the national commercial networks each broadcast hourlong news shows.

Most of these programs have English-language ti-tles, because English conveys a cosmopolitan, up-to-the-minute feeling. Thus a news-hungry viewer at the end of the day can choose among such programs as "News 9," "News Station," "News Forest" and "News 9," "News Station,"
"World Business Satellite."

With all those trendy names, the nightly news show on Nippon Television seems almost quaint: It is called "Kyo no Dekigoto." the Japanese for "Today's Evenis." And yet it was this show that took the bold step that really launched the era of the anchorwoman.

In the spring of 1990, when "Kyo no Dekigoto's" ratings were sick and getting sicker each month, network heavies decided on the dual-anchor format, with one man and one woman sharing authority, was a key problem. NTV decided to switch to a single news

It was generally assumed that the show's male anchor, the respected journalist Yuichi Aoyama, would get the joh. But then his partner, Yoshiko Sakurai, did a surprising thing: She spoke up and said she would like to he the anchor.

With the show scoring an anemic 4 percent in the nightly ratings, NTV executives decided to take the daring leap. Miss Sakurai got the anchor joh — and the network has never looked hack.

By March of this year, the show's ratings share had climhed to 10 percent of the audience. Following the national fixation on the Aum Shinrikyo cult and the use of poison gas in the Tokyo suhway system, Miss Sakurai's nightly ratings were around 20 percent.

SMOKING BREAK -A bamboo pipe maker in Zhuhai, China, taking time out for a puff Wednesday. It was World Anti-Smoking Day, and many smokers abstained.

Murayama Gets Tough On Apology For War

TOKYO - Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama threat-ened Wednesday to break up his coalition government if his conservative allies continued to thwart his plan that Japan apol-ogize for its role in World War II.

Mr. Murayama told a cabinet colleague that he may have to dissolve the government if the Liheral Democratic Party blocked his plan to push an apology resolution through Par-liament, the Kyodo news agency and NHK television said.

"Both as head of the party and the government, I may have to act with grave determination if the resolution is not passed," Kyodo quoted Mr. Murayama as telling his Socialist labor minister, Manso Hamamoto.

In Japanese political jargon a prime minister's use of "grave determination" usually means he might resign or dissolve Parliament.

Mr. Murayama and his government face nationwide elec-tions for half the seats in the 252-member House of Councillors in July, but he need not call elections for the more powerful lower house, the Diet, until 1997, although he may do so

anytime. Mr. Murayama said his deadline for the parliamentary resolution was June 18, the last day of the current 150-day session. The prime minister in 1991,

Toshiki Kaifu, used the words "grave determination" against his own party, the Liberal Dem-ocrats, when it opposed his electoral reform package. His main allies then withdrew support and Mr. Kaifu resigned.

It was Mr. Murayama's first reported threat to dissolve the coalition. Until now, the threats have come only from Socialist Party executives.

In June 1994, when the three parties formed the Murayama coalition, the Socialists, their former arch-rivals the Liberal Democrats and the small Sakigake party agreed to pass such a parliamentary resolution to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

It might not be a good time for Mr. Murayama to call an election. His popularity ratings have fallen because of his response to the Kobe earthquake in January and the rise of the yen. Abroad, he faces a stinging trade fight with the United

States over cars. Hawks in the Liberal Democratic Party have campaigned heavily against the proposed resolution. They number about 140 of the Liberal Democratic Party's 208 members in the

Yohei Kono, the Japanese foreign minister and president of the Liberal Democrats, tried to reach a compromise with Mr. Murayama on Tuesday.

Mr. Kono's representatives said they would accept a state- and news reports said. Results ment that apologized for "Ja-pan's aggression" until 1945, but said they would not agree to apologize for Japan's "colonial rule" of other nations in Asia

The champion of the Liberal Democrats' right, Seisuke Okuno, criticized Mr. Kono's approach. "We must stop the move toward a compromise that would hurt the national interest," Mr. Okuno said at a

But Mr. Murayama insisted that both phrases stay intact.

Saturday for fishing illegally in Chinese waters. poor navigation equipment, was out of order at the time of abduction, misleading the boat into the high seas that the North unilaterally claims is under its navy's operational

A Night Session in Korean Talks

KUALA LUMPUR — Hours after grim-faced U.S. delegates left their latest round of nuclear talks with North Korea on Wednesday, they sat down once more to negotiate at an

BRIEFLY ASIA

North Korea Asked to Free Trawler

North Korea on Wednesday to return a trawler and its crew that was fired on and seized inside North Korean waters.

hroadcast addressed to his northern counterpart, Lee Song Ho, a day after the 103-ton Woosung 86 was seized inside

A South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman, in a report

on its preliminary investigation, said a malfunction of the

fishing boat's compass might be to blame for the incident. The

boat was returning from China where it had been held since

"It is presumed the main compass of the trawler, which had

waters controlled by the North.

SEOUL - The head of the South Korean Red Cross asked

Kang Young Hoon made his appeal in a state radio

The night session, the first since the talks started May 20.

was held away from the eyes of the news media.

"We had an hour and a half meeting at the North Korean Embassy," the top U.S. delegate, Thomas Hubbard, said in a two-sentence statement released shortly after the session

Working-level negotiators, without the top delegates, are to meet Thursday, he said. The morning session had lasted less than half an hour, raising speculation of stalled talks. (AP)

Rights Group Is Critical of China

BEIJING — China has tortured political prisoners and jailed some on trumped-up charges in the year since President Bill Clinton delinked human rights from preferential trade status, a human rights group said Wednesday.

Dissidents have been beaten, mutilated and submitted to

electric shocks while in police custody, and denied medical treatment and visits from family, the New York-based Human Rights Watch/Asia said in a report.

The group released the report to coincide with arrests on dissidents across China in recent days to curb dissent before Sunday's anniversary of the 1989 military suppression of demonstrations center on Beijing's Tiananmen Square.
One year after President Clinton renewed most favored

nation status for China, it said, "the Chinese government continues to impose tight controls on dissent and to engage in a patten of systematic abuse of prisoners."

America's China Policy Is Assailed

HONG KONG - Washington's handling of relations with Beijing is hurting the ability of those Chinese who were most willing to deal with Western concerns, a veteran U.S. diplomat said Wednesday.

The diplomat, Burton Levin, a former ambassador with 40

years of experience in Asia, said Washington's policies were demonizing China in U.S. eyes and feeding nationalistic antagonism in Beijing, to the detriment of both sides.

"We are strengthening the hands of the know-nothings in China, because those in China who want a more-open, less suspicious, less traditional China, are handicapped in moving

VOICES From Asia

Toknichiro Tamazawa, the Japanese Defense Agency chief, in an unusual address broadcast live to all bases and posts in the country on Wednesday to announce that rigid discipline would be enforced after a series of arrests of soldiers who were followers of a doomsday cult sect linked to the nerve gas attack in Tokyo: "I urge you to take a firm stand in line with approaches from the outside by anti-social and anti-national

Feisal Tanjung, Indonesia's armed forces commander, responding to reporters' questions on the possibility that the Natura Islands, which are 400 nautical miles southwest of the disputed Spratly Islands, could be claimed by other countries: "Natura obviously belongs to Indonesia. And it is also obvious that it is the task of the armed forces to guard any part of Indonesia's territory."

Chang Liang-jen, the Taiwanese official in charge of cultural exchanges with China, announcing that Taiwan would soon lower restrictions on visits by Chinese journalists as a gesture of goodwill: "The liberalization is meant to show our sincerity in promoting news exchanges between the two sides, and we expect Chinese authorities to do likewise."

Main Party and Foes Divide India's Spoils

NEW DELHI -India's governing Congress (I) Party and a divided opposition on Wednesday split the outcome of provincial elections that were seen as the last popularity test before parliamentary elections next

The Congress Party won 10 of 23 seats across half of India's 25 states that voted Saturday to elect 26 lawmakers, officials were still awaited for three seats. General elections are sched-

uled to be held early in 1996, after nearly five years of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao's government on May 19 over policy and was expected to fare poorly in the elections, said it was happy with

the ontcome. We have done very well." said the party spokesman, Ved finence," Mr. Prakash said.

Prakash. "It indicates that peo
A centrist party and left

ple are appreciating our poli-cies. The results will surely be reflected in the general elec-

The Congress Party's vic-

tories came in its traditional

strongholds, including one m the western state of Maharashtra, where it was voted out two months ago in an imexpected victory by two pro-Hindu par-The party's chief ministers of the states of Kerala in the deep south and Orissa in the east

won handsomely, hrushing aside stiff opposition chal-The Congress Party however, performed miserably in the Mr. Rao's party, which split populous northern belt, where two of its candidates failed to get even 6 percent of the votes

> We have to make an effort in these areas to regain our in-

A centrist party and leftists won three seats each, while two seats each were won by three parties, including the Hindu-re-

vivalist Bharatiya Janata Party. - The Bharatiya Janata Party. which hopes to unseat the Congress Party in the 1996 parliamentary polls, was disappoint-

"We did expect to perform better," said Sushma Swaraj, the party's spokeswoman. "Most parties have retained their seats in these by-elec-

The 110-year-old Congress Party has been in the doldrums The Rainbow Warrior was to sail from Auckland to protest

The defeats set off a revolu against Mr. Rao, who is also the

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Paris's Trail Was Too 'Obvious' In Rainbow Warrior Attack Agence France-Presse for some time that the French may have been set up by some-

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - The police officer who led the inquiry into the bombing of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow ohvious the idea that the French were involved, a newspaper reported Wednesday. Allan Galbraith, a police as-

one who planted evidence," They left such an obvious trail," he added, "that a French Warrior 10 years ago says the connection seemed unlikely."

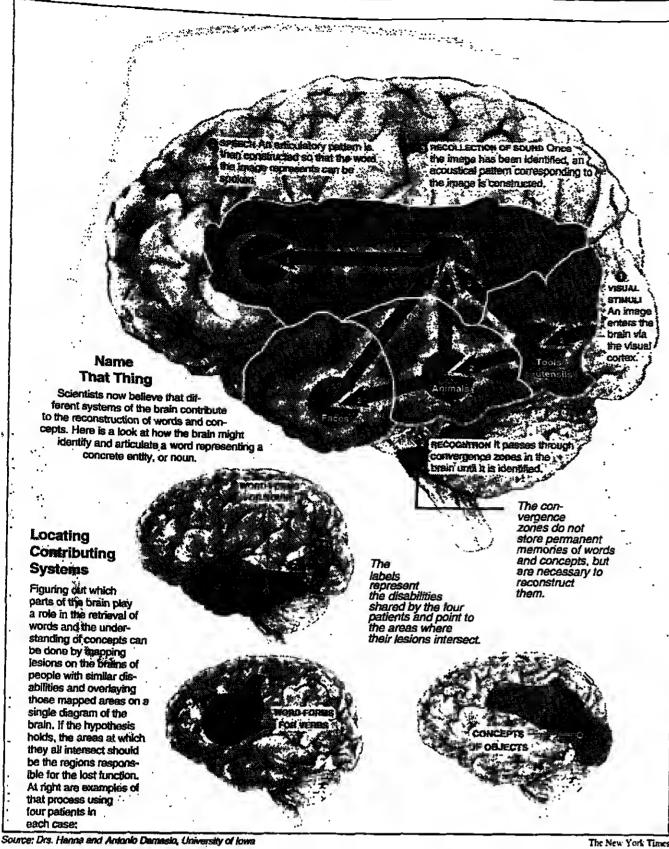
police initially dismissed as too

"It was such an obvious trail that we actually held off making a decision to look for them," he said.

sistant commissioner who is to retire next week, told The Dominion: "We were concerned

French nuclear testing in the

HEALTH/SCIENCE



How Brain Channels Knowledge

By Philip J. Hilts

EW YORK - One of the deeper mysteries of the mind - how people channel the rushing wabeginning to be solved.

Since the mid-1980s, with the marriage of sophisticated brain scanning techniques and computer wizardry, it has become possible for the first time to observe directly how the brain manipulates information, and to resolve centuries-old disputes about what it means to know something.

"We have really made fantastic progress, and there is now general agreement on the basics," said Dr. Stephen Kosslyn, a neu-roscientist at Harvard University. "It has all come together just in the past few years, due to two technical developments - com-puters and modern brain scanning."

about information processing in a precise way, avoiding the pitfalls of phrenology but learning how processing is localized, and If pressed hard, they might invent a word, the brain scans give us a way to test our ideas directly for the first time," he said. "It was the confluence of having a way to think about information processing and the means to test our ideas that broke the field open."

In that brief time, researchers have located the regions where different concepts are processed and where the components of concepts are stored, and they have assembled a number of clues about how they are is worked out, and it makes sense that words joined together in thought and conscious-

At the University of Iowa Medical Centre in Iowa City, Dr. Hanna Damasio, a other composite brain is revealed. On this neuroscientist specializing in scanning one, the dark spots, also assembled from techniques, sits before a computer screen several different patients, are arrayed in the showing a three-dimensional landscape of the folds and fissures of a thinking human into pools of accessible knowledge — is in a long crevice separating the front from the back of the brain, are ominous dark spots, the marks of brain damage.

> from many kinds of injury, from falls to infections to strokes. These damaged areas may ultimately result in disabilities because the brain uses many small, localized processing engines to handle perception, memory and thinking.
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> On Dr. Damasio's computer, she has maps of the brains of nine patients, each of

whom has the same odd disability: they are unable to use ordinary verbs. Shown a two technical developments—comers and modern brain scanning."

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the person has a broom, that there is dirt. that the person wants the floor to be clean. saying the person is "brooming."

If Dr. Damasio's theory holds, these people will all be found to have damage in the same area of the brain. She taps a key, and the nine images come together in a com-posite: all of the damaged spots cluster a few inches behind the forehead, and all overlap in a tiny region there. This is near the brain's motor area, where human action of action might also be processed here.

temporal lobe, a stripe along the lower left side of the brain, fore and aft of the ear.

These patients bave a different problem: they can use verbs as readily as anyone, but they have trouble naming objects. When shown a picture of a common animal, for Small spots of brain damage may arise example, one person cannot think of the

> HE array of "category deficits" in human thinking that arise from such damage to the brain is astonishing — otherwise complete-ly normal people who simply cannot call animals by their correct names; people who can write words but not numbers; people who cannot recognize small tools and utensils, but have no trouble with large machinery or natural objects; people who cannot recognize the faces of their loved ones.

The range extends from virtually unnoticeable gaps to the near-complete inability to comprehend language, or even

the loss of the entire "self." While cases like this have been observed over the last century, in the last decade researchers have tentatively ideotified roughly 20 categories that the brain seems to use to organize knowledge. Among them are fruits and vegetables (one category), plants, animals, body parts, colors, numbers, letters, riouns, verbs, proper oames, faces, facial expressions, several different emotions and several different features of When Dr. Damasio taps a few more keys, sound. There are likely to be many more.

Ebola: The Unanswered Questions

By David Brown Washington Pust Service

ASHINGTON — In the rogues' gallery of dangerous microbes, Ebola virus is the thug who isn't talking. Since its discovery in 1976, Ebola virus has appeared out of nowhere 10 times. Nobody knows where it lives when it's not

making people or monkeys ill. Nobody knows why it went into hiding in 1979 or came back in 1989. We do know it usually kills its victims -except in the cases where its attack is so

mild that people don't even feel it. And we know it's transmitted by blood and body fluids - except in the cases where it seems to be transmitted by something else. Scientific investigators have a fat file on Ebola virus, full of genetic "fingerprints"

and microscopic mng shots. What they don't understand is its behavior, its MO. on tunderstand is its behavior, its MO.

The outbreak of hemorrhagic fever in

Zaire will give epidemiologists and physicians another chance to learn about Ebola

virus, if they have the luck, time and money to research it while caring for its devastated victims. As of Tuesday, investigators had reported 205 confirmed or suspected cases

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experience paint a picture of every pathogen's 'natural history,' even though in any given case one or many rules of its dan. behavior may be violated. Ebola virus, however, is an "emerging

infection," which makes it different. The of Ebola virus, without success. Monkeys term denotes infectious diseases that are either recently identified (such as Es-cherichia coli in hamburger and other foods), causing disease not previously noticed (such as cryptosporidium in drinking water) or appearing in a new place (such as hantavirus in North America). In the case of Ebola virus, the rarity and the geographic isolation of outbreaks have left major questions about its natural history unanswered. Key among these is what harbors it between epidemics.

ganisms, capable of capturing food and water from the environment and multiplying on their own. Instead, they are packets of genetic instructions that must invade living cells and use the latter's far more complicated machinery to replicate themselves

and, ultimately, spread to new hosts. Some viruses can survive only in human beings. (Smallpox is an example, which is and 153 deams.

Disease-causing microbes, or pathDisease-causing microbes, or pathwhy when the person-to-person chain of infection was broken in 1977, smallpox contact with monkeys. That is one of many disappeared as a disease) Fhola however disappeared as a disease of parasite has a

and a semi-predictable outcome. Time and 1976 and 88 percent died. The second out-experience paint a picture of every break (284 cases, 53 percent mortality, also in 1976) occurred in far drier southern Su-

Ticks, spiders, bats and several small animals have been investigated as the source definitely get the disease but because they often die from it, they are an unlikely site for the virus's long-term residence.

"Monkeys are more likely to be a 'linking host,' bringing it in closer contact with man, or a 'sentinel host' (whose illness signals a renewed circulation of the virus," said C.I. Peters, an Ebola specialist in the special pathogeos branch of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Monkeys are hunted and eateo as food in Zaire, making them a logical origin of IRUSES are not free-living or- human epidemics, in that country at least.

The current outbreak was identified when a hospital worker in the city of Kikwit became ill and underwent surgery on April 10. Epidemiologists, however, now believe several probable cases occurred nearby in the preceding months. Preliminary reports suggest the first case may have occurred in January when a charcoal maker, who spent long periods in the forest became ill.

they interview bundreds of people, review hospital records and perform blood tests in

Shades of Werewolves: Hair Gene

By Natalie Angier Vew York Times Service

EW YORK - Casting a slender ray of light on the mysteries of both hair growth and the legend of the werewolf, scientists have discovered a gene that in its mutant form causes hair to sprout thickly and thoroughly астоя the face and upper body, covering the cheeks, forehead, nose, even the eyelids.

The rare hereditary condition, called congenital generalized hypertrichosis, results in such a furry appearance from birth that scientists propose that it could be an example of an atavistic mutation - the reemergence of an evolutionarily ancient trait that is normally kept suppressed.

In this case, the mutation harks back to the prototypically mammalian state of near-total hirsunsm, the possession of a protective fur coat that modern humans for some reason lost at an unknown point in the past.

In fact, persons with generalized hy-pertrichosis are even hairier than chimpanzees or gorillas, which lack fur around the cheeks, nose and eyes.

the emergence of hominoid apes about 25 million years ago. "This is probably a mutation of a gene that was a sleeping beauty," said Dr. José M. Cantu, head of genetics at the Mexican Institute for Social Security in Guadalajara, an author of the new report.

had been put aside during evolution.' But Dr. Cantu and his colleagues emphasized that the idea of generalized hypertrichosis as an atavistic mutation was only a theory. "At this point it's strictly speculation, though the idea is a very interesting one," said Dr. Pragna I. Patel of the Human Genome Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, another author of the report, which appears in the June

issue of Nature Genetics.

Biologists have observed many other mutations that they suggest fall into this class of atavisms, the reappearance of normally dormant traits.

Some people are born with multiple sets of nipples, for example, just as most non-primate mammals have a double ridge of mammary tissue down the length of the underside of the torso. In very rare cases. girls develop entire extra breasts at puberty. Other examples of atavistic mutations include the extension of the human coccyx into a small tail, the appearance of hind limbs in whales and the growth of extra toes on horses and cars.

'Atavistic mutadons tell us that a lot of The only parts of the patients' bodies information is kept around for a very long without hair are the palms of the hands and time," said Dr. Brian K. Hall, a develthe soles of the feet. This suggests that the arrivism could recall something earlier than in Halifax, Nova Scooa. "Just because an animal isn't using a gene anymore doesn't mean the information just disappears." Dr. Hall wrote a commentary about atavistic mutations that appears with the report on hypernicbosis.

"The mutation awakened a gene that precise gene isolated, but merely know its ends up with a more uniform coat of hair.

approximate location, on the bottom half of the X chromosome. They found the location by examining the genetic material of a large Mexican family, whose members may be the only humans known to have this particular mutation.

In the past, scientists have described other types of hypertrichosis. However, the newly detected mutation has a few outstanding features. For one thing, those who have the condition show no abnormality other than hirsutism. In many other types of hereditary hypertrichosis, there are other disorders beyond too much hair, including facial and skeletal abnormalities and mental retardation.

OREOVER, the Mexicans with this form of hypertrichosis have exceedingly thick and abundant body hair. In other conditions, the hair is often finer or less complete in its coverage. Finally, because this newly described hypertrichosis is a so-called X-linked trait, it finds its

fullest expression in males. Females with the condition inherit only one copy of the mutant X chromosome, and so their other, normal copy of the X chromosome gives them partial protection against the disorder. As a result, they display only patchy spots of excess hair growth. By contrast, if a boy inherits from his mother the X chromosome with the hypertrichosis mutation, he has no second X to give him some buffer against its effect. With the The researchers do not yet have the mutation acrive in every cell of his body, he

Sharp Rise in Gallbladder Surgery

By Jane E. Brody

New York Times Service EW YORK — "Lap choly," sur-geons' knickname for a laparoscopic cholecystectomy, or re-moval of the gallbladder through an

operative laparoscope, is the new kid in town. In the five years since this surgical technique was introduced, it has prompted a sharp rise in the number of gallbladders removed each year, in some cases from patients who have no symptoms.

Various studies have shown increases ranging from 22 percent to as much as 57 percent in the frequency of gallbladder surgery during the first few years of the

new procedure.

More than 600,000 cholecystectomies are being done each year in the United States, 90 percent of them with the new laparoscopic technique. Galibladder surgery is now about as common as hysterectomy, which is second only to cesarean sections.

involves an inch-long incision and three tiny puncture wounds, does not cost any less than the traditional open-abdomen operation that leaves a six-inch scar. But it has significantly eased the trauma of gallbladder surgery, so much so that expens now wooder whether the glamour of the hightech procedure and the promise of a rapid postoperative recovery are resulting in a lot of needless surgery.

Prospective patients sometimes forget that every operation has its risks and that the expected benefits from the surgery should justify taking those risks.

As health care budgets shrink, it is likely that stricter criteria will be established for cholecystectomy and growing numbers of patients will be told by insurers, "No, we will not pay for your gallbladder surgery."

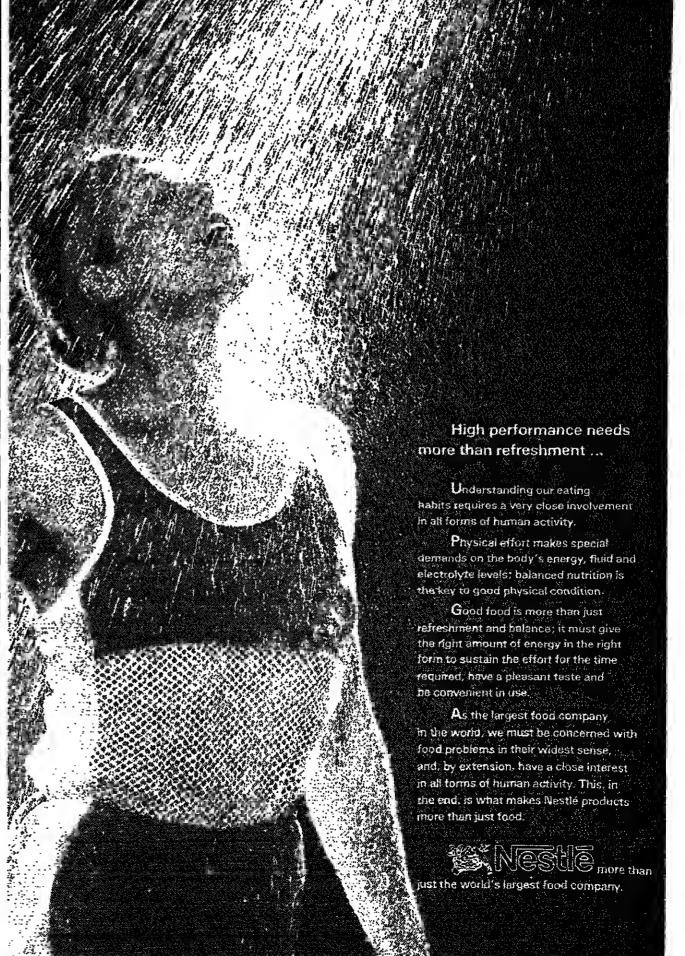
The gallbladder is a pear-shaped sac about four inches (10 centimeters) long that stores bile, which is made in the liver and used in the intestines to help digest fat. At cholecystectomy was introduced in the least 10 percent of adults, twice as many United States in 1989.

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy, which women as men, form stones in their gallbladders. The incidence rises with age; after the age of 60, 10 to 15 percent of men and 20

to 40 percent of women have gallstones. The stones can cause inflammation of the gallbladder or they may enter the connecting ducts and cause a blockage and possibly a life-threatening infection. In most cases, nothing happens, even decades after gallstones have formed. This was shown in studies that followed patients whose gallstones were accidentally discovered during other procedures.

But for those with life-disrupting symptoms and the danger of serious and possibly fatal complications, gallbladder surgery can be an important option.

For a while in the 1980s, various chemical and mechanical methods were introduced for dissolving gallstones. But in up to half of patients, more stones formed and symptoms recurred. These techniques fell largely into disuse after the laparoscopic



No More Chernobyls

Nuclear safety is going to be a little harder to maintain than the world had expected. It is not future reactors that are the central concern, but rather the oid ones in the former Soviet Union.Two cases illustrate the threat they represent.

The Chemobyl situation is comparaovely simple. The solution requires noth ing but money. The Ukraiioan government concedes that the plant is dangerous and agrees that it ought to be shot down. Of the four obsolete reactors there, one blew up in 1986 in the most damaging accident in the industry's history. Another onit was shut down in 1991 after a fire. Ukraine keeps the remaining two going only because it is desperate for the electricity they produce. and it is taking steps to replace them with generators that run on natural gas. But that will be expensive, and Ukraine does not have the money to do it. If Likraine's rich friends want the Chernobyl plant closed. they will have to come up with a substantial contribution to the cost - several billion dollars, the Ukrainians suggest. The rich countries have reluctantly put it on the list of things to discuss at their annual eco-

nomic meeting, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Armenian case is harder. The nuclear plant at Medzamur was shut by the

Soviets after an earthquake in 1988. The West regards both the design of the plant and the location to be inherently danger ous But Armenia has been reduced to primitive misery by its lack of power, not only for indostrial production but simply for keeping warm in a harsh climate. With fuel and some technical advice from Russia, the Armenians are now about to restart the Metsamor reactors.

Armenia is close to the tremendous Caspian oil fields. But between them lies Azerbaijan, with which it has been more or less at war since the Soviet Union coilapsed. Azerbaijan has cut off energy iniports from the east. On the other side ues Turkey, also unfriendly and also blockad-ing Armenia. Armenia sees this unsafe nuclear plant as its only possible source of electricity that is vital to its survival.

Annenia illustrates the truth that safe nuclear power requires stability. That mucrear power requires stability. That means, first of all, geological stability—the absence of earthquakes. But beyond that it also means political stability—the absence of war and turnoil. The risk of nuclear disaster is now added to the toll of the endless warfare in the lands between the Caspian and the Black Sea, -. THE WASHINGTON POST.

development assistance to Kenya because ited political and economic reform, and late last year donors pledged \$800 million

But almost immediately after these pledges were made. Mr. Moi's government slackened economic reform and escalated political repression. In the last few months it has forcibly relocated thousands of people from the Kikuyu minority, jailed opposicion poliocians, persecuted human rights advocates, denounced Kenya's Roman Catholic bishops and hounded media critics. After the anthropologist Richard Leakey announced plans to form an op-

with a campaign of inflammatory racial invective, suggesting that Mr. Leakey, who is white, was supported by European govemments and Washington and had sought help from the Ku Klux Klan.

ready responded by sharply scaling back their aid pledges. Others are pushing to convene an emergency donors' meeting in July, four months ahead of schedule, Perhaps that will induce Mr. Moi's government to ease up on its critics and resume reforms. If not, other donors are sure to reduce aid. The aid-givers' renewed attention to human rights makes pragmatic as well as principled sense. So long as Mr. Moi persists in putting his personal power ahead of the political and economic rights of the Kenyan people, scarce development dollars would be better spent elsewhere.

-THE NEW YORK SIMES

EDITORLALS/OPINION

PARIS London and Paris nave announced the mily enoice possible in the Bosnian crisis to reinforce, since the alternative of withdrawai concedes victors to aggression and would be -- as Richard riolbrooke, the U.S. assistant secretary of state. has saio -- the West's worst defeat since the 1930s. Withorawal is the more logical course and probably an easier one to carry out, not would declare the entire international intervention since 1991 a failure.

Can reinforcement succeed?

The Bosnian Serbs are the obstacle to what the UN seeks.

France has asked for a strengthened UN mandate as well, but this seems unnecessary The maudate aiready given to the UN Protection Force with Russian accorditions it to defend numanitarian convoys and safe zones, remove heavy weapons from around those zones, and enforce these measures against any opposition.

In the past there has been no enforcement because the vulnerability of the (supposed) peace keepers and of the numanitarian agencies at work in the former Tugoslavia made this unteasible. To attempt enforcement invited precisely the countermeasures the Serbs now have taken in retaliation for last weekend's NATO bombings. (That the bombings were ordered without anticipating this Serbian reprisal is hard to comprehend, even given the rashness of long-distance second-guessing of the UN Command.)

In the future the activities of the relief agencies must be limited to secure regions and UN forces redeployed. The notion of impartiality must be discarded in recognition that the Bosnian Serbs are the obstacle to what the UN today demands, which is recognition of Bosnia's national existence within the frontiers, however unsatisfactory, delimited by the major powers' Contact Group.

It means, in practice, war by Unprofor against the Bosnian Serbs. However, this would be a limited war against a small and vulnerable, if determined, enemy. for a limited aim their withdrawal to the Connact Group's borders, which have aheady been accepted (if grudgingly sor by Why China, Not India, Is the Better Bet for Investment in Asia

that a struggic retiainty would go ett. Radovan Karadzic on, coverily if not overtly, as each side trieo to recover losi ground.

But the European powers (who dominate Unprofor, and whose moops are supposed to execute UN resolutions mostly drafted by the European governments) will have lufflied their mandate. However beiatedly, the point will have been made that aggressive war in ioday's Europe will be punished.

The point is an unsatisfactory one since Beigrade's Slobodan Milosevic, who started this war. will have a large part of the Greater Serbia ne sei out in 1991 to create, at the expense of Croatians and the non-Serbian Bosniaus, and he will profit from the new Yogoslav-Macedonian fed- costly, and 155 peacekeepers have eration the Bosnian Serbs pres- already died in the former Yu-

the Bosium government. After ident (psychiatrist and failed po-

He will also have the satisfaction of having created a radicalized and significantly Islamicized Bosnian state - just as ne had from the beginning accused the government of Alija Izetbegovic of already being. Deprived of outside support treated by the UN as on the same moral and political level as the Serbians attempting to destroy liberal and nonethnic govemment in their newly independent nation, the Bosnians have taken aid where they could find it. which has meant from the Islamic countries and in particular from

Islamic fundamentalist forces.

However the "better" choice of reinforcement and execution of their UN mandate may not in the defeat, if not the removal, of his end be the one Unprofor carries principal political rival inside the out. It would prove difficult and

being murdered London and Paris may yet choose withdrawal. have contributed troops -The reinforcement ordered Monday by London - beavy artillery and engineering troops, with an what would be needed for a fight-

ing withdrawal. The United States supports reinforcement and staying on be-cause a withdrawal would mean that Washington would be called on to fulfill its promise to supply troops to cover the withdrawal. and a primordial concern of the American government these days is to avoid having any of its professional soldiers actually engage in coolbat in the ex-Yugoslavia.

The U.S. position is the inglorious one of urging risks on others while keeping its distance from the ntness consequent upon unpleasa its advice being taken.

The main European powers, France and Britain, are chiefly re-

principally Spain, the Nether-

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lands. Sweden. Pakistan. Malaysia. Turkey. Bangladesh. airborne force on standby - is and Canada - into jeopardy by giving them incoherent, mutually incompatible, and politically irresponsible instructions, beyond their means to carry out.

The European powers (Germany included) have followed a policy of risk-avoidance and ap-peasement that has prolonged the war for the Yugoslavs and facil-itated "ethnic cleansing."

This has been a humiliation of Europe, which obviously invites other aggressions elsewhere. All this is understood today in London and Paris, and the two governments say that things are going to change. This, though, remains to be seen.

val Herald Tribune. C Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Kenya Defies Aid-Givers

Kenya's dictatorial president. Dartiel arap Moi, seems unwilling to lean, from his experiences with international aid donors. Four years ago, donors sospended of its human rights abuses, economic waste and corruption. The moratoriom was lifted in 1993, after a period of limin new financial assistance.

position party, the government countered

Some donors, like Germany, have al-

He's Hardly as Qualified as These Predecessors 13. Mr. Clinton has no experience sending By Thomas L. Friedman his national security adviser to Beijing to

WASHINGTON - - In case you missed it. Jesse Helms, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Comminee, was at it again last week, pronouncing President Bill Clinton as 'not qualified' to be the commander

in chief of U.S. armed forces. Mr. Helms said that he hoped Mr. Clinton would turn over any military decisions tegarding intervention in Bosnia to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, because the president just wasn't up to the task. The North Carolina ny 'drugstore cowhoy. senator's comments stirred on the usual furor over at the White House, and were swatted

away by Clinton spokesmen. Frankly, I don't know what all the fuss is about, I mean, let's be honest. Jesse's right. Bill Clinton isn't fit to be commander in chief. All one have to do is compare him with a few previous presidents and it becomes obvious that Ms. Clinton lacks the experience. Here are i4 Clinton shortcomings just off the top of my head:

1. Mr. Clinton has no experience sending 3.000 marines to Beirm, without a defined mission and without proper weapons to defend themselves, so they could become sitting ducks on an airport tarmac and have 241

of them killed in their sleep by terrorists. 2. Mr. Clution has no experience running up the national debt by \$1.5 trillion over eight years, so that there is no choice but to close half America's army bases, mothball every other aircraft carrier and severely restrict the acitity of the country's military

forces to fight more than one war at a time. 3. Mr. Clinton has never vomited into the lap of a Japanese prime minister.

4. Mr. Clinton has no experience trading arms for hostages with Iran. 5. Mr. Clinton's White House spokesman has never dismissed Mikhail Gorbachev, the man who dismantled communism, as a pho-

6. Mr. Clinton's secretary of state has never said that America had to go to war in the Gulf

against Iraq because of "jobs. jobs. jobs. 7. Mr. Clinton's national security adviser has never sent Ayatollah Khomeini a Bible and a birthday cake shaped like a key, thinking

that this was the way to the despot's heart. 8. Mr. Clinton never allowed the United States to be the tardy 37th country to recognize the independence of the Baltic nations, so as not to offend Moscow.

9. Mr. Clinton never looked the other way when Yugoslavia was first breaking up and a firm response might have made a difference. 10. Mr. Clinton has never lied to the American people about a secret war being

waged by U.S. forces in Cambodia. 11. Mr. Clinton never turned a blind eye to North Korea during the 1980s, when it first started building a nuclear bomb.

up to murderous thugs in Central America the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, simply because they were anti-Soviet.

The New York Times.

raise a toast to the Chinese leadership a few days after scores of democracy demonstrators were slaughtered in Tiananmen Square.

14. Mr. Clinton has no experience ordering thousands of U.S. troops to Somalia on a poorty defined humanitarian mission

with no exit plan. Well, you get the idea. Going after Bill Clinton on foreign policy is easy work for Republicans. In this post-Cold War era it's

hard to define a foreign policy success, and Mr. Clinton's top foreign policy team is so breathtakingly inarticulate that the few successes it has had are easily belittled, Nevertheless, the next time Senator Helms

decides to opine about Mr. Climon's qualifications to be commander in chief, he might want to keep in mind that old Henny Young-man joke: When people asked him, "How's your wife?" he would answer, "Compared Compared to his immediate predecessors,

Mr. Clinton, with all his shortcomings, looks as qualified to be the U.S. commander in chief as any of them.
In fact, Bill Clinton may even be as qual-

ified to be commander in chief as a narrowminded, little-traveled, mean-spirited sen-12. Mr. Clinton has no experience cozying ator from North Carolina is to be chairman of

Environmental President?

on conservation issues has been tepid. accelerate logging on lederal lands over may yet turn out to be the last, best line of riding all existing environmental protec-America's environmental laws. In the last three weeks, he has promised to veto socalled "takings" legislation that would reward private landholders at the expense of important community values. He has promised to veto a budget rescission bill that would allow indiscriminate logging on federal land. On Tuesday he promised a third veto, pledging that a House bill gutting the Clean Water Act of 1972 won't get past my desk.

Mr. Clinton was slow to grasp the threat. possibly because the Republican attack on the laws and regulations that protect America's natural resources has been a masterpiece of legislative subterfuge seductively packaged as "deregulation."
"property rights" and "balancing the budget." Much of this has been the House's handiwork, which the Senate most undo. But in cases where the Senate has joined the anack. Mr. Clotton will have to stick to his veto pledges. Here is the legislative state of play as Congress takes a brief recess from its destructive behavior

Clean Water. The House oill, written in large part by industry lobbyists, eases pollution controls for industries and cities, shifts many regulatory responsibilines to the states and lifts protections for at least half the nation's wetlands. Wiser heads must prevail against this huge sellout in the Senate, which has yet to begin work on a bill.

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Risk Assessment. Under the guise of making regulators conscious of costs, the House passed a reform bill with so many layers of review that it would undercut Washington's ability to promulgate any environmental rules, good or bad, Senator Bob Dole, eager to board the anti-regulatory bandwagon, proposes a similar recipe for paralysis. A better bill requiring regulators to pay attention to costs without destroying their ability to protect the public has been offered by Senator William Roth. Republican of Delaware. The Senate's choice will say much about where it lies on environ-

National Forests. Virtually identical

President Bill Clinton, whose record bills passed by both houses would rapidly inst Congress's blitzkrieg on tions. Until Vice President Al Gore pointed them out, these provisions went unnoticed in the White House because they were craftily tucked into the budget rescission bill - a perfect illustration of Congress's stealth strategy of making environmental policy without calling it that.

Oil Drilling With equal craftiness, both

houses have passed budget bills with provisions exposing an ecological treasure, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, to unneeded oil exploration. These provisions are advertised as a way to help balance the budget hy raising about S1 billion in sales of oil leases.

But they are mainly a sop to the oil companies and Alaska's politicians, who have been trying to get their hands on this federal wilderness for years.

Property Rights. The House has passed takings bill that would indemnify owners against losses in property values caused by laws protecting wetlands, water quality and endangered species. Not to be outdone, Mr. Dole proposes to in denuity owners who claim to have been harmed by any government law. The costs coold be enormous.

Taken together, these acts of legislative folly represent a decision by Congress to abandon, wholesale, its responsibility for naoonal stewardship. They also represent a marvelous opportunity for Mr. Clinton to earn, speedily, an honorable claim to being an environmental president.

-- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Most rural Chinese now have a direct stake in

HONG KONG .. is india or China the better bet? Each is making the transmitten

from centrally planned state economies to

ones shaped by supply and demand. As a

the similarities. But the prospects for growth

are not at all equal. China is by far the better

Chinese leaders started their economic

reform program more than in years ago and

Asian investment bet.

began its economic reforms with a whimper when the government faced a balance-ofpayments crisis in 1991. The country was forced to swallow bitter medicine pre-

economic reform. Few Indians have experienced the benefits of reform.

scribed by the International Monetary Fund. As a resoft, the process of reform has been very different.

By David K.P. Li

Chuia reformed its economy from the bottom up starting with agriculture. Rural frequent visitor to both countries. I have seen emerprise developed as higher agricultural productivity generated saviogs. In 1978, there were 1.5 million township and village enterprises employing 28 million people: in 1994 there were nearly 19 million such enterprises, with 113 million workers. More than 70 percent of China's rural citizens have a stake in reform. This has not happened in India. which has yet to grapple with reform in the countryside.

China is creating growth and wealth. Economic reform has replaced Maoism as the country's ideology. It is supported by Chinese leaders who know the people have come to expect increasing affluence.

India's reform program is just four years vio. It has yet to prove its political le-gitimacy Reform in India is conducted from the outside in, and from the top down. depends on a few individuals. Unforinterests, including alliances between saultation facilities. In India, more than 80 the hureaucracy and inefficient protected percent do not. Infant mortality rates in tunately it confronts powerful vested industries.

Consequently, few Indian politicians and

bureaucrats support reform. Just 6 million people depend on the industrial sector that has been the focus of reform. Some 600 million Indians have not experienced the benefits of agricultural reform. They are slowing India's growth and progress, and could become a destabilizing force because of the nature of the Indian political system. Despite the talk of liberalization, many poblicians doubt that reform can win votes. In terms of real purchasing power, Chi-

na's middle class has surpassed that of India while its economic performance has, since 1987, raced ahead.

Many of India's people are fluent in English and nighly educated. It has the oldest stock market in Asia and an established civil service. But its per capita economic output is less than balf that of China's.

China has the spark plug of Hong Kong and its correpreneurs; it also has a better educated work force than India's. The Chinese recognize the necessity of change be-cause life for them is getting better. Almost the whole population now has access to

India are double those in China. Sadly, India's divisive system has led to gave in Hong Kong.

violence, corruption, vote-rigging and coercion at the ballot box. This is not democracy. Nor does it make it easy for a politician to unite voters behind reform.

China has its defects. But it is moving ahead. It continues to reform its legal and financial systems. It has begun to reform the inefficient parts of the state sector. It has hit hard at corruption.

Both countries do, however, share a tremendous advantage. They have pools of latent entrepreneurial talent. The success of their respective overseas communities is testament to their skill

But the overseas Chinese have a stronger tradition of returning to the motherland. They are now the biggest investors in China, accounting for two-thirds of all foreign direct investment. In 1992, the overseas Indian community accounted for just 11 asking myself: what do they know that I don't?

The writer is deputy chairman and chief executive of the Bank of East Asia Ltd. This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from a recent speech he

The Defections From Rao's Party Should Be Good for Reform

S INGAPORE It may not be an attractive analogy Bot just Other Comment as a snake sneds its skin peri-An Orderly Withdrawal time by discarding its dead cells. The wound to the United Nations [in

Bosnial can be mitigated and its recovery time shortened if an eventual retreat from the Balkans is not a ghastly rout but an orderly, planned withdrawal. The men and dismissed numan resources developnient minister, N.D. I wari, another former cabinet minister, and women serving in the UN Protection Force a handful of other disgraniled deserve that much. Their leaders have politicians dama Prime Minister given them an impossible assignment. P.V. Narasunha Rac and ciaim for - Los Angeles Times. themselves the mantie of tegitimacy. Rather like the royal pretender to a throne that is not vacant. Mr. Tiwari says he is president of

the real Congress Party volt, which culminated in a recent national Monetary Fund. rally in New Delhi of 50,000 people, is to purge the ranks of the party under Mr Rao. removing those politicians who might have reneged on the economic reforms india has pursued since 1991 it they felt it politically rewarding to do so. The prime minister can now streamline his party ahead of next year's crucial general election and press ahead with the sadly neglected task - his greatest faiture of selling deregulation to ilnearly one-fourth of the popula-

tion of 870 million. This does not mean, however. committed to a statist straitjacket. Contenders for power in the Congress Party inevitably find it necessary to hide ambition behind an ideological fig leaf. When Indira By Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

Gandhi split the party for the first Economically, the most significant odically. India's roling Congress
Party renews itself from time to formidable rival. Morarji Desai. announced on the very day of the described her as only "slightly left of self-interest.

Mr. Singh would not have hes-Rao s cabinet in a late December drama, and accusing Manmohan abroad, completed the package. Singh, the finance minister, of following elinst and anti-poor poli-

Mr. Singh has since discovered left in socialism. Even Jyou Basu. the Marxist chief minister of West Bengai State, wholeheartedly supports the free market. He recently warned Calcutta's troublesome anions that he would discipline them "even it it costs votes." When Mr. Singh finally threw

down the gauntlet to Mr. Rao the other day, he dropped an earlier demand to roll back liberalization. literate rural voters, who make up calling ambiguously instead for a "total break in the style, substance and manner of leadership." No one can now accuse him of standthat Mr. Suigh and company are ing in the way of economic growth. But no one can say what he really stands for either, except tents make India a safer bet than personal advancement.

who later became India's first rebel convendon. All duties on a non-Congress prime minister, she list of 31 foreign medicines and third time, as Arjun Singh, the ran up the socialist standard, A wit various types of medical equipment are to be removed, import taxes on such symbols of good living as television tubes, CD-ROMs and itated to copy Mrs. Gandhi's pop-ulism if he thought it would win halved. A five-year tax holiday for mass support. Initially, that was investment in roads and transport, the line he took, stalking out of Mr. and new rules to make it easier for businessmen to tap capital markets

Mr. Rao's position seems stronger today than it was before The beneficial effect of this re- cies at the bidding of the Inter- the revolt erupted, even if his Congress Party cootrols only about half of India's 25 states. Though that there are no political dividends the ringleaders have been expelled. the prime minister is treating the rebels with leniency. He can afford to do so. There are not many of them and they do not threaten the Congress's hold over 260 members of Parliament. What matters is that even if Congress loses the general election in 1996, or if it wins but Mr. Rao is forced to step

down, the reforms will continue. India's state leaders, irrespecrive of affiliation, have tasted the plums of opening up to foreign investors. Some muldinationals have reached the conclusion that political stability and sound legal, financial and administrative sys-China. Everyone now accepts that Meanwhile, Mr. Rao has made it the market economy probably plain that it is business as usual. ranks ahead of the ubiquitous Hin-

di movie as India's strongest ce- come is increasing fastest. menting factor, binding distant and disparate regions in a com- Indian politician would want to

monality of interests. However, the main reason for is irreversible is that growth has ported that India is now one of the contributed this comment to the

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jeopardize. The writer, a former editor of concluding that economic reform The Statesman newspaper in India, is an editorial consultant to surged. The World Bank has re- The Straits Times in Singapore. He

20 countries where per capita in- International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Russian Infernos ST. PETERSBURG - Another

disastrous fire occurred [May 27] destroying part of the town of Viishni-Volotchëk in the province of Tver. The flames raged for a whole day, and despite the efforts of several fire-brigades they devoured over 300 houses and a wooden bridge. In addition to this disaster and the conflagrations already reported at Kobrin, Grodno, Bielostok, Mokshan, Rouzhany and Yassinovka, reports are constantly being received of fires breaking out in villages and country houses, many of which are the

1920: Patrons of Virtue

work of incendiaries.

ATLANTIC CITY - Several arrests were made here to-day [May 31] by new policewomen, expressly commissioned to safeguard the morals of this resort. The offenders in each case wore very abbreviated pongee silk one-

piece bathing suits, of which the skirts stopped four inches above the knees. One beautiful prisoner. not content with bare legs, had placed a "beauty window" in her bodice. The policewomen, all middle-aged and meekly attired in blue serge uniforms, patrolled the shore with an exactitude which sent bathers away with a shiver.

1945: Levant Cease-Fire LONDON - British troops were

instructed to restore order in the Levant today [May 31] at the be-hest of Prime Minister Churchill who, in a sharply worded message to General Charles de Gaulle, requested that French forces be withdrawn in troubled areas and confined to barracks "to avoid collision" with the British. Mr. Churchill demanded that General de Gaulle instruct French troops to "cease fire" and added that once order has been restored, "we shall begin tripartite discussion here in London."



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Better Take Another Look At These Family Matters

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — If you are ready to dismiss the Christian Coalition's "Comract With the American Family" as extremist nonsense, you are making a big mistake. This is a serious, if slick, document. What it proves is that those whose views are at odds with those of the coalition need to be a lot more serious in addressing the issues that Pat Robertson and Ralph Reed, the coalinion's shrewd executive

director, are rying to monopolize.

To begin with, there is nothing wrong with asserting that the health of families matters to the common good. You only have to look at the noverty rates among kids who grown poverty rates among kids who grow up without fathers in the home to see that anyone who cares about social justice has to care about the wellbeing of two-parent families.

"The problems our nation faces are not all fiscal in nature," the document says. "The American people are increasingly concerned about the coarsening of the culture, the breakup of the family and a decline in civility." That is simply true.

Nor should all the specific pro-posals in the document be dismissed out of hand. For example, the coalition endorses a bill introduced by Senators Joseph Lieberman, Democrat of Connecticut, and Dan Coats, Republican of Indiana, to establish 20 demonstration projects to provide school vouchers so that low-income parents could send their kids to private schools. School vouchers are surely not the answer to all that ails the American education system, bur what could be wrong with some experiments that might help some poor kids get better schooling and provide

about this issue more intelligently? The statement calls for a ban on late-term abortions and for allowing states to prohibit the use of public, nounced as nutty three decades ago. money for abortions. Agree with it or not, this isn't an "extremist" view.

And then there is the "Religious" and citizen-initiated free speech in noncompulsory settings such as courthouse lawns, high school graduation ceremonies and sports events." Civil libertarians are right inseeing problems here. But it is not - cline in civility." unfair to ask why a makes sense for . If moderates and liberals evade civil libertarians to fight for the free-those issues, Ralph Reed and Pat dom of a high school valedicarian to Robertson will dominate the disdo a public reading of Karl Marx or cussion. That can't be good for ci-Kare Millett, but not a reading of the Lord's Prayer. It is reasonable to pro-

mote debate on this issue, even if its amendment could be dangerous.

If this were all the Christian

Coalition were up to, one might welcome its suggestions, take issue with some of them and move on. But this document also shows what is wrong with the coalition: It is trying to use broad concerns about family life, shared among Christians and con-Christians alike, to promote a nar-

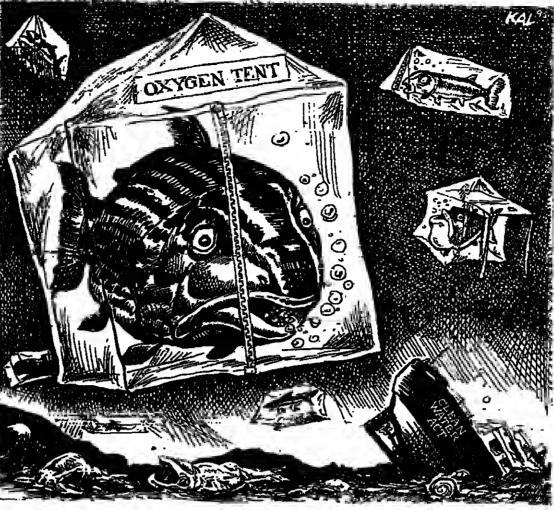
row ideological agenda.
For example, the document does not touch on family issues that are inconvenient for conservatives, such as family leave laws or declining family incomes, which force many parents to spend more time working outside the home than they would like. But it does push the classic agenda of the right: cutting funds for arts and humanities endowments, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Planned Parenthood and the Legal Services Corporation, and abolishing the Education Department.

This approach was rightly cas-tigated last week in a statement issued by a group of Christian leaders. Called "The Cry for Renewal," it accurately criticized the "almost total identification of the Religious Right with the new Republican ma-

jority in Washington. The coaltion's central role in conservative electoral calculations may explain why so many conservative leaders who know better have been reductant to criticize Mr. Robertson's wacky conspiracy theories involving international bankers. Even accepting his statements that he had no anti-Semitic intentions in repeating ideas popular in the classic antius with information so we can argue . Semitic literature, many of them also come straight out of old John Birch Society tracts that conservatives such as William F. Buckley Jr. de-

But while it would be admirable if more conservatives condemned Mr. :Robertson's crackpot theories, that is Equality Amendment" to the Con- not enough for moderates and lib-stitution to allow "voluntary, student erals. For all its narrowness, the Christian Coalition has shown that a large constituency of noncrackpot Americans wants politicians to address "the coarsening of the culture, the breakup of the family, and a de-

If moderates and liberals evade those issues, Ralph Reed and Pat vility, culture or the family. The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Development Aid

I read with great interest and relief the article titled "Wake Up, OECD: Concerted Development Assistance Isn't Optional" (Opinian, May 19) by James Gustave Speth, adminis-trator of the United Nations Devel-

opment Program.
His lucid and pertinent analysis of today's deplorable situation with regard to development assistance will contribute to the clearing of the heavy smoke in which this situation is being deliberately and maliciously shrouded. I only bope Mr. Speth's plea, and his admonitions, will receive the full attention they deserve. and that the United States and other members of the privileged Group of Seven and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development will heed his advice and provide more and better-oriented assistance to the many deserving countries.

JAWDAT MUFTI. Herford, Germany.

Fresh Air at the CIA

In response to the editoriol "Cleaning House at the CIA" (Opinion, May 23):
The fresh air currently sweeping

through the corridors of the CLA will, we must hope, be beneficial and help produce an organization that is more effective, better focused and better suited to current needs and realities.

But two things must be borne in mind. First, an organization like the Central Intelligence Agency is a servant of the executive,

Sadly, the CIA has been frequently misused by, and then blamed for, the failings of presidential policies - often policies which it has strenuously and secretly objected to. Second, an intelligence agency's mission must be set into the broader context of a sense of national grand

Such a strategy, in the admin-istration of President Bill Clinton, is

notably absent. Without it, the reforms of the new director of central intelligence will be essentially fu-

> JOHN W. WOOD London.

The Pope and His Flock

Tad Szulc, in his Opinion piece
"A World Leader and Disciplinarian," (May 18) observes that as
John Paul II approaches the millennium. he "clearly prefers — if he must make the choice - a smaller, hard-core, militant Church to a bigger, chaotic and dissident-ridden

I am curious as to how the Pope - as vicar of Christ - might reconcile such a preference with the implications of Jesus's parable of the shepherd who left 99 sheep in the wilderness to go in search of one that was lost (Luke 15: 3-7).

MATTHEW L. O'LEARY.

MOVING

The Budget-Cutters Need To Take a Rowboat Ride

By Jessica Mathews

WASHINGTON — Jesse Helms, meet your constituent. Tom Karl, Mr. Karl is senior scientist at the National Climatic Data Center in your home state, North Carolina. He has been among the most reserved of leading climatologists about the likelihood of greenhouse warming.

No maner how convinced you are that climate change is an environ-mentalists' plot, what Mr. Karl has

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to say will give any fair-minded person pause about you and your congres-sional colleagues' plans to yank the United States out of a half-dozen international scientific and environmental enterprises and to slash domestic climate research and monitoring. The best place to absorb the implications of his message would be neither your office nor his. A rowboat drifting slowly down one of Missouri's flood-

ed highways would be better.

In recently published work that is causing a stir among scientists, Mr. Karl and his colleagues combine five indicators that greenhouse models predict will change in a warming world into a single index of climate change. The measures include elevated temperatures drought in the vated temperatures, drought in the summer months and the proportion of rainfall that comes in torrential downpours. Then they fill in the record of U.S. weather over the past 100 years. The results show that since 1980 U.S. weather has become more extreme. with an index 40 percent higher than natural fluctuation should produce, Mr. Karl concludes that the likelihood is 90 percent to 95 percent that "the climate is responding to increases in greenhouse gases." The clearest signal is the increase in the proportion of expernely heavy precipitation lat least 2 inches, or 5 centimeters, in a day). That will come as no surprise to Midwesterners coping with the second "100-year flood" in two yearsor to the Texans who experienced hail, rainfall and flooding of almost bib-

lical fury earlier this month. The costs of extreme weather are, well, extreme. The '93 flood cost \$12 billion, Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki in '92 topped \$17 billion. Oakland's billion-dollar fire was just one of the costs of California's drought. If such disasters are not merely acts of God, as Mr. Karl's work suggests they are not, budget-cutters should be thinking about what escalating federal disaster re-

lief will do to future U.S. budgets. Mr. Karl's findings, while striking, are still equivocal. The trend needs to be extended over both time and space. But few other countries have the necessary data. The difficulty, if not impossibility, of doing the need-ed global analysis highlights just how wise this American investment

in knowledge was and is.
One especially foolish proposal by
House Republicans would scatter the
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration to the four winds as part of dissolving the Commerce Department and slash the research budgets of labs that are the best in their fields in the world. The offered rationale is, in part, that NOAA's sciennists (being part of the Clinton administration) are out to prove predetermined answers about environmental threats. This charge slanders thousands of scientists, indeed the entire American scientific en-

terprise in which they were trained.

Meanwhile, Senator Helms is proposing to eliminate funding for the institutions that do collaborative research and monitoring and carry out international agreements. Among others, he would eliminate minuscule contributions to the secretariats that underpin the stratospheric ozone treaty and the global climate convention; the U.S. contribution to the UN Environment Program; and pledged amounts to a fund that helps developing countries make the tranceveloping countries make the transition away from ozone-destroying CFCs. Though small, the fund is the ozone treaty's linchpin. Without it, India and China, followed by others, will say there is no deal. CFC emissions will say the appropriate the countries of sions will go up, not down, and the chance of later securing these countries' support for controlling greenhouse gases will be about nil.

A conservative is someone who cares about preserving things of value from the preserving the preserving that

from the past and the present. That must dictate a concern for the future too, or else why bother? What could be more rash than deciding not to know the dimensions of a future threat? What could be less wise than to dismantle fledgling agreements without which our own environment cannot be protected? What could be less conservative than choosing to fly blind into the future?

The writer, a senior fellow at the Council on Fareign Relations, contributed this comment to The Wash-

BOOKS

SILICON SNAKE OIL: Second Thoughts on the Information Highway.

By Clifford Stoll. 247 pages, \$22. Doubleday, And 13

Reviewed by Stephen Bates WHERE does the informa-tion superhighway lead? Straight to utopia, according to its many cuthusiasts. These liberation technologists see the Internet and its offshoots as sources of nearly limitless individual empowerment.

programmer Clifford Stoll, contending that the information superhighway is taking us places we don't, or at least shouldn't, want to go. Out of sync and out of sorts with the reigning huck-sterism, be asserts that "the medium is being oversold, our expectations have become bloated, and there's damned little critical discussion of the implications of an on-line world."

lights several worrisome and underpublicized aspects of the new erument may decide to save information technologies. For money by canceling the paper instance, computer operating versions. And every dollar a systems and interfaces seem to school spends on computer be in nearly continuous flux, technology is a dollar that putting users through an aggravating re-education every few years. New systems, moreover,

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"It is further confirmation, is such were needed, of Hegel's maxim that 'man learns noth ing from history, except that man learns nothing from history.''' (Kevin Murphy, IHT)

Now comes astronomer and may be incapable of handling programs or text written on older systems. I can still read the books I bought in the 1970s, but my Hewlett Packard 9830 files might as well be in Sanskrit. In the same way, Stoll cautions, reference works published on

a generation or two. Stoll also warns that the mad rush to the electronic frontier may deplete our choices in the 'Silicon Snake Oil" spot- off-line world. Once its official won't be spent on books, Stoll observes in his strongest, most impassioned chapter, a polemic

on the false promise of computers in the classroom.

In many spheres, though, the boundaries between old and new worlds tend to be murky. The Internet merges with offline life. Parents use e-mail to communicate with children at CD-ROM may be unreadable in college. Academics continue the same scholarly conversations via telephone, conferences and Internet mailing lists. Virtual communities blur into geographic ones, and most Net

users enjoy citizenship in both. Stoll says little about such overlaps. To him, the on-line world is mostly bad, the off-line world is mostly good, and the two rarely meet. Stoll's major argument is that

electronic life is an impoverished substitute for unmediated reality, a point reminiscent of Bill McKibben's "The Age of Missing Information." Nothing on a computer, Stoll contends, can march spelunking, baking bread, visiting an art museum, poring over old letters or walking in the woods. "Life in the real world is far more interesting, far more important, far richer, than anything you'll ever find on a computer screen." Whereas Americans once worried that

computers imperiled individuality, Stoll suggests that computers may dehumanize us in a different way, by isolating us from nature, fellow humans and, withal, the wonders of the senses.

Maybe so, but Stoll doesn't prove this Thoreauvian case. For one thing, he relies on a utopian vision of the off-line world. He laments that virtual communities lack "a feeling of permanence and belonging, a sense of location, a warmth from the local history." So, alas, do many actual communities. At times, Stoll stingily plays

down the Net's benefits while accentuating its costs. Relationships formed on-line "lack depth, commitment, and ordinary etiquette," he writes. Some do end in marriage, be concedes, but the "same thing happens at coffeeshops, libraries, synagogues, and football games."
"Silicon Soake Oil" is es-

sentially a venting of the author's cyber-dyspepsia. Stoll recounts his own experiences on-line and occasionally quotes like-minded / acquaintances. Neil Postman, Rob Kling, Phil Agre, Richard Sclove, Gary Marx, Sherry Turkle and Theodore Roszak, among others, have assessed the social costs more rigorously, albeit

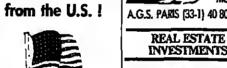
less accessibly.
Stoll's affable style and quirky observations ably sus-tained "The Cuckoo's Egg." his marvelous tale of tracking a computer intruder, but they aren't enough to carry this

Stephen Bates, a senior fel-law at the Annenberg Washington Program in Canmunications Policy Studies, wrote this far The Washington Post.

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By Alan Truscott

Many of the world's best players, including 15 who have won world titles, played in the 21st Cavendish Invitational

The warm-up event, the Cavendish Teams, ended in a vic-tory for Sam Lev. Michael Polowan, Pyotr Gawrys and Kryzsztof Lasocki. They finished one victory point ahead of a team led by Zia Mahmood of Manhattan.

In the first session, Lev sat 4 K Q 9 8 4
South on the diagramed deal 9 J 8 7 2 and arrived in six clubs after a \$183 three-diamond opening on his right. His partner, Polowan, was a Vanderbilt Knockout Team winner in Phoenix.

Lev won the opening dia mond lead with the ace and made a crucial play by ruffing a diamond. He then cashed five rounds of trumps, putting pres sure on West. That player did the best he could by giving up two spades, a heart and a dia

Next, South overtook the

heart king with the ace and threw a spade on the heart queen. Judging the position ac curately, he ruffed a heart with his last trump. He was left with A-J-10 of spades and West with K-O-9. He then led the spade ack, and West had to win and lead a spade to give Lev a well-

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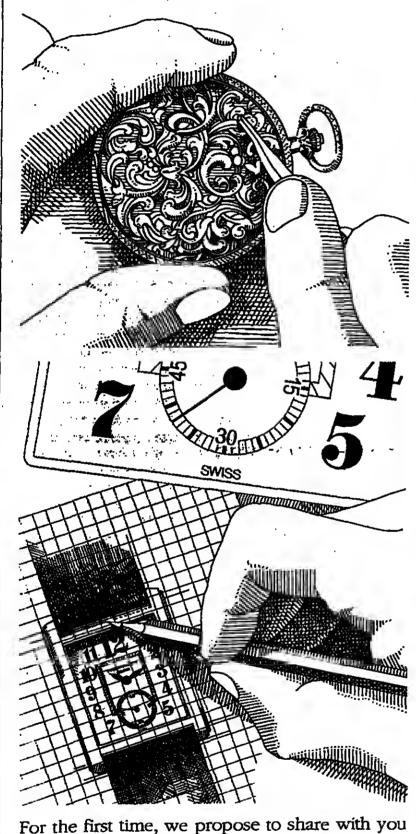
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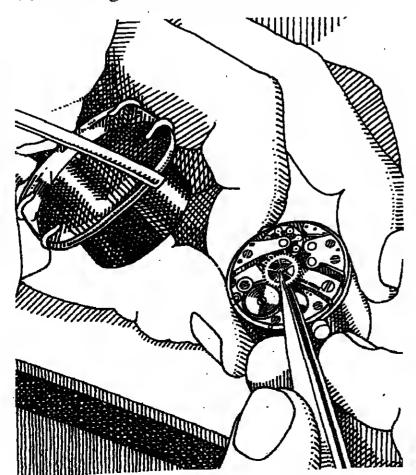
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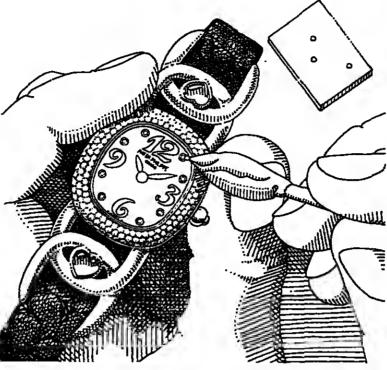
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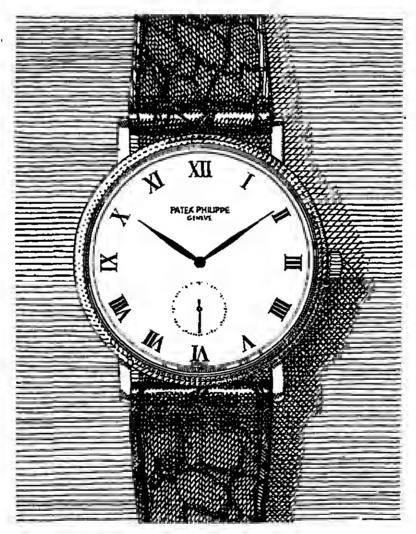


the secret world of those who make our watches: the designers, the watchmakers, the goldsmiths, the chainsmiths, the engravers, the enamellers and the jewellers. Their skills are particular to our home city, Geneva, and have made it the centre of fine watchmaking for over three hundred years. Today,

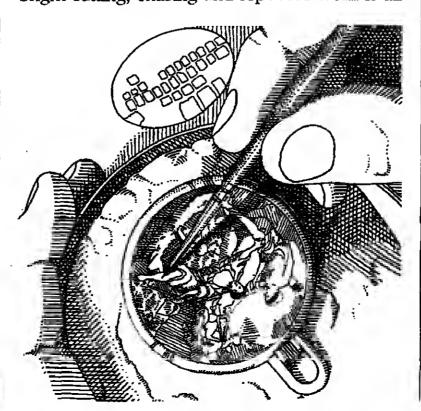




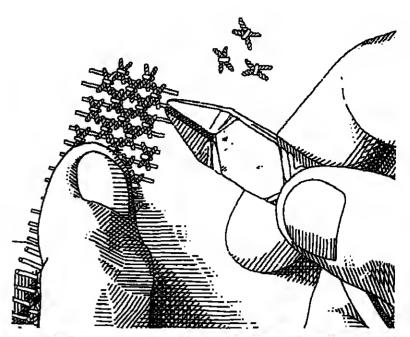
only Patek Philippe still practises all seven of these delicate, exacting crafts, and the world of our exhibition is therefore one that has almost vanished. When you enter, you will understand why our way of making watches has become so rare. You will meet an enameller who still spends 4 months painting a miniature masterpiece on the cover of a

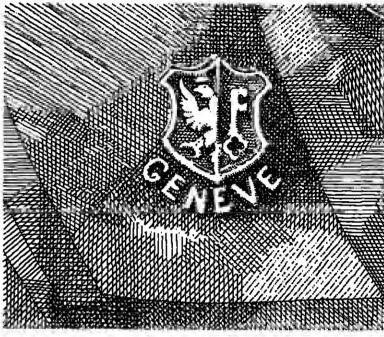


pocket watch, sometimes employing a single hair for a brush. You will discover chainsmiths who insist on creating every bracelet by hand, and delight in creating new shapes and textures. There is also the jeweller, who still sets every precious stone according to an ancient and time-consuming method. Then there is the master engraver, whose bright-cutting, chasing and repoussé work is all



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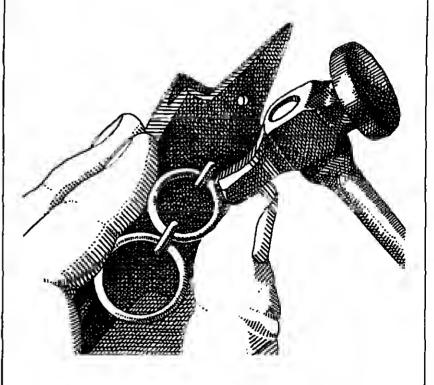
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Key Debt Talks Loom for Russia Paris Club Accord Would Improve Credit Reputation

LONDON - Russia is to begin two days of negotiations Thursday that Western officials are optimistic will lead to a rescheduling of its \$40 hillion in deht owed to Western governments, roughly a quarter of which falls due this year.

The deht rescheduling, a watershed event for Russia and the hankers and industrialists hoping to do business there would come less than two months after Russia received one of the largest loans ever granted by the International Monetary Fund.

"I think the IMF agreement certainly signals just how much progress the Russians have made in their ecocomic reform efforts," an American official in

Some Western hankers now go so far as to predict that the deal expected in Paris this week will clear the way for Moscow to come to terms with its Western bank creditors later this mooth. With those two agreements in hand, Russia would have made huge strides in restoring its commercial credibility. Bankers said sucb progress could lead to Russia's re-entry into world capital markets as soon as oext year.

There are huge opportunities in Russia, and banks and industrial companies are eager to do business there, hut until the Russians resolve their commercialcredit ohligations, no one is going to be willing to invest," a Western official in London said. "The commercial credibility they have lost in receot years is really

could tap international money markets would benefit Western natioos in several ways. It would take pressure, and risk, off the IMF, which has become Moscow's principal financial lifeline. It would also free up potentially huge pri-vate-investment flows to Russia. Such an influx of capital could have a huge positive impact on the Russian economy. It could also could help sustain Moscow's reform efforts.

Bankers emphasize that any credit rating, oo matter how poor, would mark a remarkahle turnaround for Russia. "It is a powerful and ricb country with hig trade flows," said Ursula Beyreuther, senior economist at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt. "It could ultimately get a credit rating above that of the Czech Republic."

As far-fetched as that would have sounded at the beginning of this year, many Western officials and bankers laud Moscow for, as one official put it, "making all the right ooises" in receot mooths. Russia has earmarked \$1.2 hillion to

service its debts to Western governments. the so-called Paris Cluh creditors. What is more, in March, it began paying interest on its foreign-bank deht; the payments had stopped at the end of 1991. Those moves, coupled with progress in

Russia's program of economic reform, helped the IMF decide in April to grant Moscow a 12-month loan of \$6.8 billion, the second-largest loan the IMF has ever granted. (The largest was the \$17.8 billion credit granted to Mexico in Fehruary.)

The Russian delegation, headed hy Deputy Prime Minister Oleg D. Davydov, is expected to face tough oegotiating when

A commercially credible Russia that it sits down Thursday with the Paris Club creditors. The Russians have asked for a multi-year agreement. But analysts say the Paris Cluh members, troubled by matters ranging from Chechnya to the size of Russia's budget deficit, are in no mood for major compromises. They are pushing for a mere one year rollover of Moscow's

While the precise nature of the deal remains to be seen, all parties are optimisuc that some sort of deal will be struck. "There is a lot of pressure on both sides to do a deal," said Jonathan Hoffman, a senior economist at CS First Boston in London. "The West wants Russia to start paying again and Russia wants to be able to get back into the debt markets."

Absent from the negotiating table in Paris is any proposal for deht forgiveness. Bankers say Moscow has oot eveo asked for it because it is eager to reestahlish creditworthiness. "Debt forgiveness wouldn't belp their credit rating," said one Loodon-based banker, "It clears the debt, but it leaves a bad record of actually paying it off."

Ms. Beyreuther of Deutsche Bank estimated that Moscow had spent oearly \$500 million so far this year to restore its record as a good borrower.

Later this mooth in Frankfurt, Russian officials are to meet the Bank Advisory Committee chaired by Deutsche Bank. The committee represents all the foreign banks holding loans to Russia. Bankers hope those negotiations will lead to a multi-year rescheduling and to the payment of \$500 millioo in back

EU Steps Into The U.S.-Japan **Auto Dispute**

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Jean-Pierre Leng, the EU am-bassador to the World Trade Organization, in a letter to the kets, or replacement-parts sectop U.S. trade envoy in Geneva, Booth Gardner, as Washington and Tokyo edged toward agree-

ing oo a oew date for the talks.

Clearly reflecting EU concern
that any U.S.-Japan deal could
work against European exporters, Mr. Leng said Brussels had "a substantial trade interest" in strict observance of WTO regulations. "These rules are essential for the good functioning of the multilateral trading system and for the dispute-settlement procedures under the WTO," he

Japao asked the Uoited States on May 17 for urgent consultations oo the 100 percent tariffs Washington has slapped oo 13 types of Japanese luxury cars. The tariffs, which could amount to an estimated \$6 billion annually, are to take effect on June 28.

The United States has offered to speak with Japanese officials in Washington on June 20 and 21, hut Tokyo has rejected that, saying the talks must take place in Geneva hy June 15 in order to comply with WTO rules.

Earlier on Wednesday, America's rigid stance appeared to be easing slightly as U.S. officials indicated they might accept the date and venue proposed by Tokyo.

Andrew Stoler, deputy head of the U.S. trade delegation to the WTO said the United States would give Japan a firm date for the resumption of talks within the next few days.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches In New York, the deputy GENEVA — The European U.S. trade representative, Char-Union stepped firmly into the lene Barshefsky, said no pro-U.S.-Japan auto dispute on gress had been made in the dis-Wednesday, formally asking pute. "We are still quite far the United States to include it apart," she said, reiteraung the in upcoming consultations with administration's view that the

She said significant differ-The request was made by ences remained in the three main areas of negotiation; access to the so-called after martor; availability of foreign makes in Japanese dealerships; and the initial parts market.

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Kerkorian **Drops Bid** For Chrysler

DETROIT - Investor Kirk Kerkorian scrapped his hostile hid for Chrysler Corp. on

Wednesday after failing to find financing for the proposed \$20.51 billion transactioo.

Mr. Kerkorian, Chrysler's largest shareholder, said his 10 percent stake in the automaker was not for sale. Still, his company, Tracinda Corp., said it had hired the Wall Street firm Wasserstein Perella & Co. as a financial adviser.

Some analysts said Mr. Ker-korian's withdrawal may have been a tactical measure to prepare for a oew phase of his takeover attempt. Chrysler refused to comment.

Mr. Kerkorian mounted his bid for the company largely be-cause of Chrysler's sagging stock price.

The stock soared 24 percent, to \$48.75, on April 12, the day Mr. Kerkorian made his \$55-a-

Dow Posts Strongest Gain in 3½ Years Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches day gain since Dec. 23, 1991, 533.41, its largest daily advance and that April new-home sales NEW YORK - U.S. stocks when it rallied 88 points in re- since it climbed 9.93 points on fell more than expected sparked

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surged to a record on Wednes- sponse to an interest-rate cut by day, posting their biggest one- the Federal Reserve Board. The day advance in three-and-a-half Dow Jooes industrials have risyears, as the outlook for an en 16.4 percent so far this year economy growing fast enough and have climbed 12.3 percent The Dow industrials are ap-

proaching the threshold of 4,500 only three months after eclipsing

The Standard & Poor's 500

Aug. 27, 1990, The Nasdaq Composite Iodex rallied 5.88, to 864.58, but that level was shy of its record close of 879.64.

The catalyst for Wall Street's surge Wednesday was the perception that the economy was poised for a soft landing and was unlikely to tip into recession. Reports showing the economy grew at a revised annual pace of just 2.7 percent in the first quarter

speculation that the slowdown was nearing its low point. The economy grew 5.1 percent in 1994's final quarter.

With some economists predicting that growth would grind down to just 1.5 percent in the second quarter, food, drug and other consumer-products stocks advanced on the notion

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

At Westinghouse, Pay Is a Battlefield

By Jay Mathews Washington Post Service

EW YORK — Robert J. Clark, 82, drove to the Wes-tinghouse Electric Corp. an-nual meeting in Lindhicum. Maryland, this spring in his yellow Ferrari. He kept the speedometer above 70 miles (113 kilometers) per hour most of the way, his idea of relaxation, but once at the meeting, his fun stopped.

Like some other Westinghouse stockholders, Mr. Clark, an economist, was enraged that the company had paid its chairman, Michael H. Jordan, a \$700,000 bonus on top of his \$1 million salary despite a year in which Westinghouse stock had imped along under \$15 a share, about helf of what it was four years ago. about half of what it was four years ago, and its annual dividend was just 20 cents a share, a yield of around 1.3 percent.

The stock closed Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange at \$14.25, and was trading at \$14.375 late on Wednesday.

Mr. Clark submitted a shareholder resolution that would have reduced top executive pay whenever the company cut the quarterly dividend. His protest of executive compensation at Westinghouse is a case study of one of America's hortest business issues of the 1990s. The company and its defenders argue that they have taken steps to link pay to performance, but Mr. Clark and others say Westing house has not gone far enough."

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To meet shareholder criticism as its stock price declined during the early

The protest over executive compensation at Westinghouse is a case study of one of America's hottest business issues of the 1990s.

1990s, Westinghouse changed its compensation system. The company put more emphasis on financial performance, creating big rewards for execu-tives who win profits for shareholders but keeping the annual salary for its chairman at the relatively modest level of

In its appeal to stockholders to reject Mr. Clark's proposal, the Westinghouse board said it was "in the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders to link compensation, particularly for executives, to corporate performance and iocreases in shareholder value."

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tle in the executive-pay war. Mr. Clark's executives and other employees through proposal attracted only 14 percent of the compensation plans that are competitive

Mr. Clark and some other shareholders still feel their pockets are being picked hy millionaires. Why, he asks, should Mr. Jordan - hired as CEO in 1993 because of his splendid record at other companies - be paid a \$700,000 bonus after Westinghouse's return to shareholders declined by comparisoo with standard industry indexes?

Westinghouse asserts that its performance improved in 1994 under Mr. Jordan's guidance. For the first time in four years, the company had a profit — a meager \$77 million, but a sharp improvement from losses of \$326 million in 1993 and \$1.4 hillion in 1992.

Others question paying a big boous to a CEO whose company's stock is sagging.

But Steven Kaplan, professor of fi-oance at the graduate school of business at the University of Chicago, said shareholders who want their executives interested in the stock price should be happy that Mr. Jordan holds 500,000 shares of Westinghouse stock and has taken some of his bonus in stock options.

From that perspective, he said, the \$700,000 boous, plus a \$125,000 long-term incentive boous this year, looks less significant. "Every time the stock goes up a buck and a half, be has earned more than that bonus," Mr. Kaplan said.

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Fraud Trial Usinor Set for Privatization

Begins for **Maxwells**

LONDON - The largest British fraud trial of the decade began as two soos of Robert Maxwell, the late media tycoon. faced charges of conspiring to misuse pensioo funds from his communications empire. Kevin Maxwell, 36, and lan

Maxwell, 38, appeared in a modern annex to Loodon's Old Bailey criminal court three and a half years after their father perished at sea off the Canary Islands and his publishing empire collapsed.
The Maxwell brothers, along

with two financial executives from the former Maxwell Communications Corp., are accused of diverting some of the pension-fund assets from the Maxwell companies to use as collateral for their debts.

Prosecutor Alan Suckling of Britain's Serious Fraud Office said in his opening statement that Rohert Maxwell "was the driving force and exercised dominant control in the group in the operation of the pensioo schemes." He said, however, that the four defeodants, especially Kevin, were responsible for some of the diversions. "Although he worked under

the dominant control of his father, he was closely involved with the financial affairs of the company," Mr. Suckling said of Kevin Maxwell. The trial, expected to last six

months, is the biggest fraud case in Britain since the Guinness PLC insider trading scandal of the late 1980s.

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PARIS — Usinor Sacilor, Europe's largest steel company, will become the first state-owned enterprise to be offered for sale to the public by the oew French government, officials said Wednesday. The office of France's new finance minister,

Alain Madelin, said the initial public offering would commence within the next few weeks "if the market is favorable." No further details were provided, except for an assertion that oo layoffs were planned.

Usinor is valued by analysts at between 20 hillion French francs and 25 billion French francs (\$4 billion and \$5 billion).

The French government, which directly controls 80 percent of the company, said the sale of shares would be accompanied by an increase in Usinor's capital of 5 billioo francs through a rights issue that would primarily be open to employees.

The sale, coming so sooo after the inauguration of France's new president, Jacques Chirac, reflected the oew government's goal of moving quickly to sell giant state-owned companies, ana-

France has said it expects to earn about 55 billion francs from the sale of state-owned assets this year. So far, it has raised about 5 hillion francs. The Usinor sale is expected to hring in about 10 hillion francs.

Analysts said that François Mer, Usioor's chairman, had been pushing the government to launch the sale of the company before Juoe, attempting to catch the top of the business cycle in the steel industry.

Skeptics abound, however. "Even with that attractive backdrop, I don't think it's going to be easy," said Peter Dupoot, an analyst with UBS

Mr. I churuk s appoint boost Alcatel shares, which are shares, which is a proposed to close at 451.8 frames to close at 451.8 frames higher on Tuesday.

Securines Ltd. "People associate steel with heavy losses. It tends to scare them."

Donald Hay, a portfolio manager at Edin-burgh Fund Managers Ltd., concurred. "The top of the cycle is a dangerous time to be buying steel companies in general," he said. "Sure, it might last a year or so, hut these things have a nasty hahit of turning around on you." In March, Banque Paribas and Merrill Lynch

& Co. were picked by the government to advise it on the Usinor sale. In February, the steel company chose Crédit Lyonnais and the investment house S.G. Warburg as its advisers.

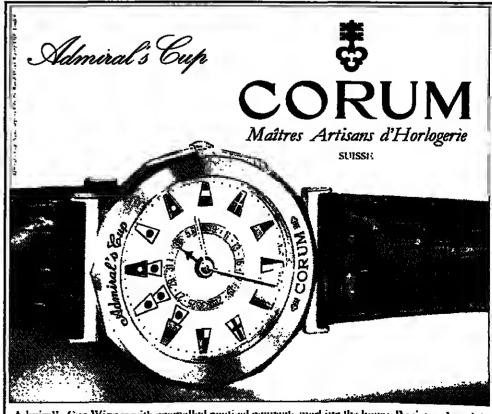
Usinor executives have been urging the government to sell all but 10 percent of its 80 percent stake before the end of June, analysts said.

■ Tchuruk Named as Alcatel's New Chief Serge Tchuruk, the chairman of Total SA, will succeed Pierre Suard as chairman and chief executive of Alcatel Alsthom SA, the companies said Wednesday, Bloomberg Business News reported

Mr. Tchuruk, 57, is to take charge of the telecommunications-equipment manufacturer on June 22. Replacing him at Total will be Thierry Desmarest, 49, Total's bead of exploration and production.

"If I bad had the slightest doubt about the capacity of the teams in place to follow the actions planned, I would have refused the offer without hesitation," Mr. Tchuruk told a Total sharebolders' meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Tchuruk's appointment continued to boost Alcatel shares, which rose 13.8 French francs to close at 451.8 francs, after closing 16.2



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Mobil to Restructure Units in Europe

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FAIRFAX, Virginia (Bloomberg) — Mobil Corp. said Wednesday it would cut as many as 500 jobs in its European refining operations and may close its refinery in Worth. Germany. The oil company said it would take a charge of \$180 million to reflect the costs of the cuthacks. Mohil said the changes were

necessary to boost profitability in its ailing refining business. Mobil also said it would revamp operations at its refineries in Coryton, England, and Gravenchon. France, to cut costs and integrate their operations. Mobil expects the changes to save it \$80 million a year before taxes.

Seagram Says MCA Was a Bargain

MONTREAL (Reuters) - MCA Inc. was worth more than Seagram Co. thought when the distiller announced in April that it was buying 80 percent of the entertainment giant, said Edgar Bronfman Jr., Seagram's chief executive on Wednesday.

The businesses that we bought are even more valuable than we believed them to be at the time we made the oecision." said Mr. Bronfman at a shareholders' meeting. He said Seagram had completed due diligence on the \$5.7 billion MCA transaction and had uncovered no problems. He said MCA's systems and controls were sound and that the company was conservatively and well managed.

• Eastman Kodak Co. has asked the U.S. trade representative to investigate what it termed anti-competitive trade practices by Fuji Film Ltd. of Japan: Kodak alleges that a complex distribution system in Japan has deprived it of \$5.6 billion in sales.

Charge! U.S. Credit-Card Boom

By Albert B. Crenshaw and Jerry Knight Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - That person ahead of you at the express checkout - the one slowing down the line by using a credit card to charge \$8 worth of groceries could be Judy Colbert, Sanford Beckett or Walter Grimes.

Whenever possible, I charge." Mr. Grimes said.

The retired newspaper broker has replaced the money in his wallet with a portfolio of special credit cards that gives him cash back, airline miles or some other bonus on every dollar he charges. To maximize those benefits he tries to rack up as many dollars on the cards as he can.

"I charge my doctor bills, groceries." and other items large and small, even the down payment on his new car.

Mr. Grimes is one of America's new credit-card sharks - people who put everything on cards that give them free airline tickets, discounts and cash rebates.

Ms. Colbert pays the rent on her apartment with a credit card that earns frequent-flier miles on USAir. Mr. Beckett charges his daughter's college tuition on a Ford MasterCard that gives him a 5 percent credit toward the purchase of a new car. He figures be will be entitled to a

These megachargers are changing the way America uses money.

Still, the nation is a long way from becoming a cashless society. Of the \$4.78 trillion that consumers are expected to spend this year on what economists call personal consumption expenditures." Visa and MasterCard account for about 10 percent, with other hank cards adding a few percentage points more, according to Thomas Layman, vice president of Visa.

But that share now totals about \$500 hillion and the amount is growing rapidly, propelled by the rebate programs.

The old claim by the card issuers that it is more efficient to use plastic never really convinced consumers to give up cash. But money talks.

Cards offering rebates are creating a whole new attitude among consumers. These cards "are really replacing cash and checks," said Steve Apesos of MasterCard.

The charge-it-alls stress that they are not living on credit. "The key is to use your charge card for everything and pay it off every month," said Lon Caldwell, a retired Air Force officer.

"I generally don't use credit cards." Mr. Beckett said, "and I bave not paid interest on a credit card in 10 or more years." But when he heard about the Ford rebate program and found he could maximize the

\$3,000 discount by the time she graduates.

These megachargers are changing the way America uses money.

benefits for using it for college expenses, he signed up. "It's money I'm going to spend anyway." he said.

A Georgetown University finance professor, Jim Angel, who once used cash and checks almost exclusively, now puts every-thing be can on his GM Gold MasterCard. Fed to cut interest rates later which gives a 5 percent rebate toward the

As a financial specialist, he knew about the interest-rate benefit of waiting until the interest rates were bolstered by end of the month to pay, and he liked the a surge in the dollar. "Everyclear records that the banks provide. But it was the rebates that converted him.

purchase of a new car.

He figures that by running ordinary liv-ing expenses through his GM card, he could qualify for the maximum rebate of \$1,000 a year and collect enough credits during the program's seven-year time limit to earn enough to pay half the tab for his next car. Before the rebates, "I had credit cards

but I would usually pay cash." Mr. Grimes said. But when one card began offering frequent-flier miles, Mr. Grimes, who likes to travel, grabbed it.

Besides frequent-flier miles that add up to airline tickets and rebates on new Ford and GM cars, there are programs that provide discounts on general merchandise and long-distance calls; that offer rebates on computers, gasoline and groceries; that award consumers free cruises; and that make donations to charities.

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Continued from Page 11 their profits would hold up regardless of the economy.

At the same time, shares of retailers, automakers and financial companies jumped amid optimism that the economic slowdown might prompt the this year, paving the way for

renewed recovery The expectations for lower

U.S. Stocks

body feels that if the dollar is shaping up, interest rates are going to be okay," said Kenneth Ducey, head trader at BT Brokerage Inc. "That created a very enthusiastic marketplace."

The dollar's gains also helped the beachmark 30-year Treasury bond overcome early losses. Late in the day, the bond was up 5/32 at 112 18/32 as the yield was quoted at 6.65 percent, hovering near a 15-month low and down from 6.66 percent on Tuesday.

Some analysts said investors may be getting too optimistic over the economy's outlook.
"Wall Street is saluting the wrong flags today," said A.C. Moore, investment strategist at Dunvegan Associates. He noted that out of the last nine U.S. business slowdowns, seven turned into recessions.

Two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was hrisk, with about 357.95 million shares changing hands on the Big Board, up from 280.95 million on Tuesday

Drug, beverage and food shares were among the day's big-

Among drug shares, Merck rallied 14 to 47, Johnson & Johnson jumped 2 to 66%, Eli Lilly rose 11/2 to 74%, Pfizer went up 11/4 to 881/4, and Schering-Plough climbed 14 to 784.

In the food industry, CPC soared 2% to 60%, Sara Lee rose 11/2 to 27/4, Heinz rose 11/2 to

Among other consumer stocks, Procter & Gamble vaulted 21/4 to 71%, Philip Motris rose 114 to 77.

while, stabilized after a rout on funds rate of 6 percent.

Tuesday. Analysts said demand for personal computers remains brisk as the industry enters the historically sluggish summer sales period.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

■ U.S. GDP Ratcheted Up

Information released Wednesday on the growth of the U.S. economy during the first quarter of the year showed it better poised for a soft landing later this year and less likely to tip into recession than previously feared in some circles. Lawrence Malkin of the International Herald Tribune reported from New York.

The Commerce Department said the gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 2.7 per cent, a tenth of a percentage point lower than originally reported, but consumer spending and husiness investment ran higher than first believed and the drag of unsold stocks was less. The government also report-

ed a 2.7 decline in the sale of single-family homes in April after an increase of 5.1 percent in March, but economists noted it usually takes several months for falling bond market interest rates to work themselves through to lower mortgage rates and stimulate housing.

These GDP figures are not a. big change, and the economy actually looks a little stronger," said Rosanne Cahn of CS First Boston. "The economy is set to go into a soft landing and stav.

At present this is the consensus forecast as reported by Blue, Chip Economic Indicators of Sedona, Arizona, whose panel of leading economists sees the economy dipping back from its unsustainable growth rate of 5.1 percent at the end of last year. They see it heading downward to, its lowest growth rate in the current spring quarter and then climbing back to growth rates of about 2 or 2.5 percent during the second half of the year.

Wall Street forecasters also increasingly predict that the Federal Reserve Board will help the economy by cutting short-term interest rates, perhaps starting as surged 21/4 to 72% and Colgate early as late spring or early summer, by a total of one percentage Semiconductor shares, mean-point from the current federal

Has Microsoft Become a Cybersnoop? er called with a problem, they could quick-

By Elizabeth Corcoran Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - An electronic-information-gathering feature in Microsoft Corp.'s new Windows 95 software has critics fearful that, if consumers cooperated, Microsoft could create the world's most extensive database of who has what on

their computers. The broubaha is about the so-called registration wizard. a program in Windows 95 that helps huyers register their purchase of the software. Microsoft calls it a purely voluntary method of collecting product information that all companies collect, generally on paper registration cards. But critics depict it as unwarranted snooping

around inside consumers' computers. The wizard "will let Microsoft get a customer list of their direct competitors," said Phil Lemmons, editor of PC World magazine in San Francisco. Such customer lists

are highly prized in any business, he added. The wizard works like this: When a person installs a copy of Windows 95 into a computer, a box appears, asking the user to AFF. Bloomberg register the purchase via electronic trans-

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mission to Microsoft. First it asks for the customer's name and address. Next, the wizard surveys the computer itself and makes a list of the hardware and some of the major pieces of software already on the machine, such as what kind of spreadsheet program or word processing software is there.

The wizard then asks the customer it he or she would like to share that information with Microsoft. If the customer responds 'yes." that information automatically whizzes off over a phone line to a database at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond,

"The registration wizard is an electronic version of the paper registration card we include with products," said Mike Copte, a group manager in Microsoft's personalsystems division. If anyone "feels uncomfortable about it, they don't have to" use it.

Mr. Conte said Microsoft wanted to use the information to ensure its products would work well with whatever most of its customers seemed to use, as well as to improve customer service. Eventually, technicians might tap into a database containing such details so that when a customly find out what the person was using and begin to unravel the trouble. Microsoft might also use the informa-

tinn to target advertising. A customer might be offered a special deal based on what the company knew that person was using already, Mr. Conte said.

Concerns about the registration wizard were raised recently in a hrief story in information Week, a widely read industry magazine. Discussion groups on the Internet computer network picked up the issue, debating whether the registration wizard trespassed on any privacy rights. Mr. Conte said he did not "fully under-

stand" the concerns. "I guess it's some combination of people's imagination and the Internet." Mr. Lemmons said that since Microsoft Campbell Soup rose 1% to 67% and Mr. Lemmons said that since Microsoft Campbell Soup rose 1% to 49%. offered customers a clear chance to with-

hold such information, he did not think the wizard violated any privacy concerns. But such a wizard could be the beginning of a trend of electronic information

gathering that could lead to legitimate worry over privacy issues, he suggested.

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VSEL Scans Horizon As BAe Renews Its Bid

LONDON — British Aerospace PLC renewed its takeover offer Wednesday for VSEL PLC, but Commission. the submarine maker told shareholders they Analysts pr should wait for a possible bidding war with Britain's General Electric Co.

British Acrospace offered 3.3 of its own shares or £16 (\$25.60) in cash for each VSEL share, valuing the maker of the Trident nuclear submarine at about £678 million.

BAC S OHER. It has mind June 13 to may a specific man for the U.K. regulatory panel said.

VSEL advised its holders to "take no action in relation to the BAc offer for the time being."

The bid was similar to British Aerospace's carlier offer - which lapsed after the government said last year it would investigate the offers for VSEL—although the value is higher because British Aerospace stock recently has rallied.

BAe shares closed in London at 522 pence, down 8, and VSEL rose 4 pence, to £17.90. General Electric, which is not related to General Electric Co. of the United States, rose 1 to 319. British Aerospace had urged the government to block any offer from GEC because it would combine Britain's two principal warship makers, but Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine rejected

this argument last week — against the wishes of a majority of Britain's Monopolies and Mergers

Analysts predicted that GEC, which has said it wants to merge BAe's aerospace business with its own in the next few years, would match or exceed

VSEL's Barrow-in-Furness shipyard in north-west England is the only British site capable of

building nuclear submarines. That, combined with the company's cash holdings of about £411 million, makes it an attractive target, analysts said. BAe, which has a market capitalization of about £2.2 billion, has gone to its shareholders

twice to raise cash for its bid. GEC, which has a market capitalization of more than £8.6 billion, has about £3 billion to spend, analysts said, giving it more financial muscle than BAe can muster

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Ford-Werke Sales Jump 11%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
COLOGNE — Ford-Werke AG said Wednesday said its sales jumped 11 percent in the first five months of 1995 and predicted it would keep

reporting a "small" profit for the five months, said earnings growth this year was unlikely because of the strength of the mark and wage

a news conference that revenue in the five months rose to 11.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.1 cent, to 474,000.

Ford-Werke had already said it swung back to

DM the year before, as revenue rose to a record 23.4 billion DM from 21.1 billion DM.

The chief financial officer, Claes Göransson, said revenue was expected to grow 10 percent for the full year and that deliveries and production would rise above 1 million vehicles for only the third time in the company's 60-year history.

"We will try to maintain our profit at the previous year's level," he said, noting what he

called two major uncertainties: Currency turbulence and the strengthening of the mark against other European currencies would probably reduce earnings by about 200 million DM, he said, and a recent wage agreement would cost the company a further 80 million DM.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

3 Major German Stocks Split 10-for-1

Santer Promises Stable, Single EU Currency by 1999

BRUSSELS - Despite bank took over, it could take prolonged currency turmoil and political uncertainty, the European Union's president vowed Wednesday that the controversial common EU currency would be a fact of life by the end of the decade.

Jacques Santer's prediction kicked off a campaign to promote the European Currency Unit as the only way forward for the 15 member states to streamline their finances on the way to

a united Europe. "Before the end of the century, Europe will have a single currency, and it will be strong and stable," said Mr. Santer, Yel at the same time, the European Commission outlined a road toward that goal that was fraught with difficulties.

A first group of EU na-tions would start freezing their exchange rates between 1997 and 1999, while a new central bank would start taking over monetary policy from separate capitals, the Commission said.

The most likely candidates for the first group include Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Nether-lands and Austria Britain and Denmark have obtained escape clauses on monetary union, while the economies of many other nations are

But after the new central up to three additional years before EU citizens would start using Ecu coins and notes to buy their bread and butter, the Commission said. At first, the new currency would be used in various noncash transactions for central-bank and interbank operations.

Up to the day that the Ecu hits the streets, bowever, a strong commitment from EU governments would be required to keep the monetary momentum strong and steady, said the Commission, for "markets may have doubts about the irreversibility of the process."

EU members that wanted to adopt the single currency would have to keep up efforts to dovetail their economies with others, or their national monies would become the center of currency speculation, threatening the whole process, the Commission

Over the past three years currency traders have repeatedly thwarted attempts to achieve stability among EU currencies. Spain's peseta has been devalued several times, for example, undermining Madrid's wish to be part of the first group to move to a single currency.

To Avoid Issuance Of Stock

Eurotunnel

LONDON - Eurotunnel, the British-French concern that manages the tunnel under the English channel, said Wednes-day that it would issue no more equity this year and would try to find other ways to reduce its debt-service costs.

"In our view, the ultimate goal is to reorganize debt and reduce excessive costs," said Patrick Ponsolle, one of Eurotunnel's co-chairmen. "We will not accept dilution of shareholders' investments, except if it is for our shareholders to enjoy larger profits from the business

Mr. Ponsolle said shareholder investments were, nevertheless, "still at risk," and that management would do what it could to ensure that it still had the same shareholders next year.

Alastair Morton, the company's other co-chairman, added: "We are not going ask for more equity this year, but other things are perceived over the medium term."

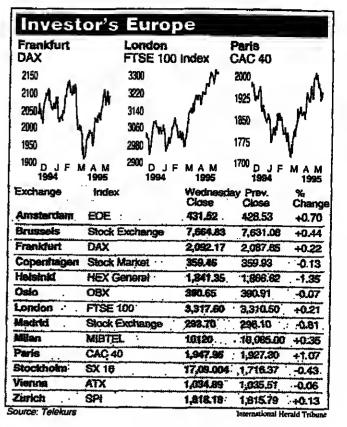
Graham Corbett, Eurotunnel's chief financial officer, said it had access to £300 million (\$480 million) in bank loans to cover costs up to Oct. 31. He said talks would recommence with creditors in September concerning drawing down £400 million to cover costs through 1996 or 1997.

He added that every 0.5 per-centage-point increase in interest rates currently adds £25 million per year to Eurotunnel's debt-service payments.

Eurotunnel said it could reduce its debt burden by if banks agreed to cut its interest rates on existing debt or if the com-pany wins its claims against railroads.

Mr. Morton said Eurotunnel's £2.3 billion claim against British, French and Belgian railway opcrators concerning the late startup of its service should be settled by the end of September.

Georges-Christian Chazot, Eurotunnel's chief executive, said that since mid-May, Eurotunnel had become the market leader for heavy-goods vehicle service between Dover and Calais, capturing 35 percent of the cross-channel market.



Very briefly:

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development said that first-quarter operating profit before provisions surged to 7.4 million European Currency Units (\$9.91 million) from 2.9 million ECUs a year earlier. The EBRD said it invested during the quarter in the Smolensk Regional Venture Fund, the EBRD's first investment in a high-risk, equity fund for new Russian ventures.

• ABN Antro Bank NV said it would offer 460 million guilders (\$296 million) for Orco Bank NV, a bank based in Curação in the Netherlands Antilles.

· Air France said it has agreed with Boeing Co. to cancel orders for seven aircraft in 1995 and 1996 and to replace them with orders for 15 aircraft to be delivered from 1999 to 2001.

• The Bank of France said direct investment abroad by French companies fell to 59.5 billion francs (\$12.14 billion) in 1994 from 68.9 billion francs the previous year.

France Telecom said net income fell 2 percent, to 4.7 billion francs, in 1994, as prices of services and equipment fell. Zürich Versicherungs-Gesellschaft said it expected "significant

increase" in 1995 net profit as premium income posted solid gains. The company posted a 13 percent gain in 1994, to 695.4 million francs (\$608 million). · Bertelsmann Industrie AG, the printing and industrial division of

Bertelsmann AG, said profit before taxes would probably be flat at about 220 million Deutsche marks (\$158.5 million) for the year ending on June 30.

• Carlsberg AS, the Danish brewery, said its first-half pretax profit fell 17 percent, to 607 million kroner (\$112.1 million), although sales remained steady.

• Kanfhof Holding AG said its specialist stores helped lift four-month sales by 5 percent, to 7.37 billion DM, from the like period a year ago.

British Telecommunications PLC said it would cut prices £310 million (\$496 million) on June 28 to comply with a regulatory price cap. The company said that the figure, combined with previous cuts, would bring reductions to £1 billion in the past year Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AFP

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Mr. Göransson warned, however, that earnings were unlikely to rise at all.

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Ford-Werke Chairman Albert Caspers said at billion) as vehicle deliveries increased 9.1 per-

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Exchange Rule

TEL AVIV -- Israel in-

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Israel's exchange-rate sys-

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FRANKFURT—Three major German

companies will cut share prices on Thursday, taking advantage of 1994 legal mges to attract small investors to stocks and enhance Germany's equity market.

The share prices of Deutsche Bank AG, Dresdner Bank AG and Schering AG will drop to about a tenth of their current price in ten-for-one share splits, reflecting a cut in nominal share values to 5 Deutsche marks (\$3.60) from 50 DML

Dentsche Bank's share price will be reduced to around 70 marks from nearly 700 DM, while Dresdner's will fall to about 40 DM from just under 400 DM.

The first company to adopt the 5-mark share, made possible by a change in German law last year, was the small optical

chaqin Fielmann AG last year. "That was a marketing gimmick, but it got the ball rolling," one trader said.

These are the first of the major stocks to switch after Metallgesellschaft AG, which has undergone severe restructuring following its near collapse in 1994. The idea stems from the more developed British and U.S. equity markets which depend, at least in theory, partly on shares of just a few pounds or dollars.

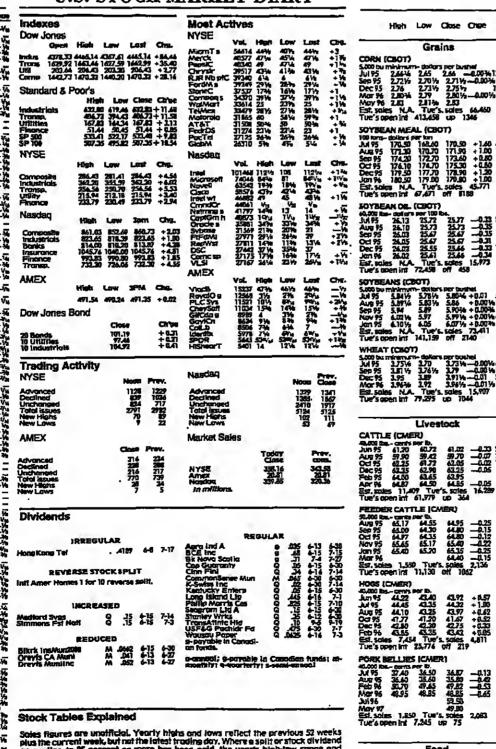
For Deutsche Bank, the number of its shares omstanding will, similarly, rise to 472 million from 47.2 million, representing market capitalization of around 32 billion DM (\$24 billion). For small shares, the minimum number

required for trading rises to 100 from the former 50. But a Deutsche Bank investor is still better off under the new plan, needing an initial investment now of only 7,000 DM rather than the former 35,000 DM. At the start of the year, Dresdner Bank

also scrapped fees on transactions in its own shares, but it continues to charge for other shares

After Metaligesellschaft's May press conference, its shares rose 15 percent, suggesting to dealers that small investors were playing the share.

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Japan Investors Pullout Find U.S. Stocks And Bonds a Buy

TOKYO — Large Japanese investors expanded their holdings of U.S. stocks and bonds in May as the dollar regained stability against the yen, according to a survey of Japanese institutions released Wednesday.

In April, the institutions surveyed cut the proportion of U.S. securities in their portfohos as the dollar fell to new post-World War II lows. But the latest survey of 17 financial companies and research instirutes, conducted Monday by Reuters, found rising confidence in U.S. assets.

Tokyo Stocks Fall As Investors Fear Recession Looms

Bloomberg Business News TOKYO - Stocks fell 2 percent here Wednesday as concern mounted that the economy

would slip into recession. "The financial health of Japan is certainly in question." said Paul Migliorato, a senior salesman at Jardine Fleming Securities. Figures released Tuesday indicated that industrial output fell for the first time miichi Murayama's governin three months and the unemployment rate rose to an all-

time high of 3.2 percent. The Nikkei Stock Average average dropped 326.18 points, to 15,436.79, its lowest close since April 3. Cyclical issues, or shares sensitive to fluctuations

in the economy, led the decline. The figures released Tuesday. have investors questioning whether Japan's economy is actually recovering.

Industrial output dropped 0.2 percent in April from March. Analysts were expecting a gain in output. A Japanese daily also reported Wednesday that six of Japan's large life insurance companies posted losses for the latest

The market's pasically under pressure because of revived

Investors still worry about currency risk, but a big fall in the dollar is considered unlikely for now, and "one may aim for exchange-rate returns from yen weakness," Dowa Kasai Investment Management said in its response to the survey.

In the last month, institutions raised their average weighting of U.S. and Canadian stocks to 33.26 percent of their portfolios from 31.80 percent in April.

"The soft landing of the economy, lower interest rates and improvement in the inflation rate are supporting rises in stock prices" in the United States, Down said, It raised its own proportion of U.S. and Canadian assets to 43 percent of

its portfolio from 38 percent. Some were more cautious, with Nomura Research Institute warning that U.S. stocks were already at high levels and risk had increased.

"In the stock market, there's a tug of war between the plus of lower bond yields and the minus of worries about a possible deterioration in corporate profits," Nomura Research said. Even so, it lifted its weighting to

32 percent from 30 percent. By contrast, fears about Japan's economy and about the weakness of Prime Minister Toment prompted institutions to cut their Japanese stock holdings sharply. The average weighting fell to 28.23 percent from 31.44 percent.

There is increasing worry that the economy is slowing' Daiwa Research Institute said. Okasan Economic Research,

which slasbed its Japanese stock weighting to 35 percent from 47 percent, said: "Because of deflation caused by the strong yen, fears are growing that corporate profits could prove worse than expected."

Overall, institutions cut their average weighting in global stocks to 36.25 percent from 37 percent and raised their global bond weighting to 41.50 per-First from 39 percent.

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Music Business Sees Asia Anew **Entrepreneurs** Turn to Promoting the Local Talent

By Richard Covington Special to the Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - Seymour Stein, the man credited with discovering Madonna, Talking Heads and a host of other international rock stars, is now crooning the praises of Dadawa, a sylphlike singer from Shanghai whose hlend of Tibetan chants and New Age pop he predicts will make her a hit with Western audiences.

As president of Elektra Entertainment Group, a subsidiary of Warner Music International, Mr. Stein plans to help another Warner label, the Taiwan-based UFO Group, promote the Chinese singer in worldwide markets.

Chasing Asian hits is the latest Holy Grail for the international music industry, but it is a search complicated by a change in Asian pop tastes.

Two years of declining record sales indicate that Asia's voracious appetite for Western music is becoming weaker. The combination of syrupy romanoc ballads and big internacional stars is no longer the reliable money-generating machine it once was, and Western and Asian produc-

ers alike are scrambling for alternatives. "Audiences want more depth in their songs," said Paul Ewing, vice president and regional director for Southeast Asia at Warner Music International. "There's a concerted effort to improve local songwriting and a move away from just churning out cover versions of interna-

Intent on tapping the \$7.3 billion re-gional music business, Mr. Ewing and about 2,100 other music producers, performers and publishers from 44 countries descended on the first Midem Asia music market, held here last week.

"Eventually we would love to break an Asian Mariah Carey," said MTV Networks' international president. William Roedy, though be acknowledges that such intercultural successes are few and far between.

Don Atyeo, general manager of STAR TV's Channel V, MTV's regional rival as a music video network, is more skeptical.

There's absolutely no hope of a crossover success from Asia," he said. "If you

can't sell a British artist to the French.

'There's a concerted effort to improve local songwriting and a move away from just churning out cover versions of international hits.

Paul Ewing, vice president. Warner Music International.

what hope do you have of selling a Chinese singer to the West?"

But, with a roster that includes a Malaysian fusion jazz group, a Thai environmentalist rocker and a Chinese New Age singer, Warner Music, a unit of Time Warner Inc., is out to prove that the market is ready.

Some of the hottest emerging rock stars are coming from Beijing, discovered by the Taiwanese promoter Landy Chang of Magic Stone Records, a subsidiary of Rock Records, a regional label that accounts for \$80 million in sales.

"When I signed the progressive rock group Tang Dynasty in 1992, it was the first recording contract signed in China with a foreign company," Mr. Chang said. "Everyone thought I was an idiot." To date, the group has sold 500,000 cassettes, and the promoter estimates that a further 1.5 million have been pirated. Although record distribution and retail sales operations in China remain "lousy," Mr. Chang said, he applauded the adventurous radio stations that continued to defy censors' restrictions. He arranges tours for the label's artists within China, playing to audiences of 10,000 to 15,000.

"Every time we play a major coocert, the audience goes crazy, wanting to kick out the police and lock the doors, and concerts are banned for the next six months," Mr. Chang said. Bringing the bands to perform outside the country is extremely difficult, he said, although officials did allow a number of groups to perform in December in a packed Hong Kong hasketball arena.

"The government is taking a more open attitude," Mr. Chang said. Even a punk rocker like He Yong, who rails against the massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators near Tiananmen in 1989. has so far been reluctantly tolerated.

Elsewhere in Asia, a few protest musi-cians have emerged as well. With a scathing indictment of corruption, the veteran Thai performer Add Carabao was credited with contributing to the recent dissolution of the coalition government in Thai-

In Singapore, meanwhile, the performer Chris Ho complains of a double standard that he says allows foreign acts to get away with behavior not permitted

a local group. "When Duran Duran is interviewed on television, it's fine for them to wear their nose rings," Mr. Ho said. "But when I go on, I have to take mine off and hide my tattoos. We're trying to he a center for the arts. How will this occur if

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on the information superhighway. • Sega Enterprises Ltd. will cut the price of its Saturn game player to 34,800 yen (\$420) from 44,800 yen June 16, two weeks before Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., is to begin selling a lowerpriced version of its PlayStation video-games machine.

· China set up a new agency to control software copyrights. replacing one that had been accused of conflict of interest because it was run by the Electronics Ministry, a major software producer. Levi Strauss & Co.'s trademark Levi's blue jeans, shirts and denim jackets will go on sale in India, starting in the southern city of Bangalore on June 9. The company plans to have 15 stores in major Indian cities by year-end.

Australian Slowdown Clips Currency

SYDNEY — Australia's economic growth slowed dramatically in the first three months of 1995, to an annual rate of 3.7 percent, official figures showed on Wednesday, indirectly leading to a plunge in the Australian dollar.

The Australian dollar hit a 12-month low of 71.24 U.S. cents in beavy trading after the country's treasurer, commenting on the economie growth figures, said a weak currency was good for Australia's current-account deficit.

The Australian dollar later bounced back to close at 71.95 cents but was still below its opening rate of 72.15 cents. Trad-

ers hlamed the sell-off on a remark by Treasurer Ralph Willis that a low dollar should be a plus for improvement in the current account. The weakness of the dollar should help

exports," be said, noting it was a reversal of the currency's rise last year. Earlier in the day, Australian Bureau of Statistics data showed growth for the year

ending in March bad weakened substantially from the rate of 5.4 percent recorded in the calendar year of 1994. In the year to September, the rate was 6.1 percent.

The slowdown in growth eased immediate pressure on interest rates. Economists, however, said talk of easing rates was premature before a widely expected rebound in growth for the quarter ending in June.

Mr. Willis said growth of 1 percent in the June quarter would produce the government's forecast for 4.75 perceot growth for the fiscal year ending in June. "We do expect the June quarter to be stronger than the March quarter, principally hecause investment will be strooger," he said.

John Larum, senior economist at SBC Australia, said interest rates had peaked. The slowing in the economy will continue for the another six months and the economy could bottom out some time next (Reuters, AFP)

Rift Between Pacific Carriers

SYDNEY — Qantas Airways Ltd. said Wednesday that its chairman. Gary Pemberton. and its managing director, James Strong, had resigned from the board of Air New Zea-

land Ltd., a rival air carrier in the South Pacific region. Qantas said that growing competition with its New Zealand counterpart — in which it holds a 19 percent stake — had

prevented its two executives

from participating in a range of board discussions at Air New Zealand.

The New Zealand carrier's oeed to consider many strategic matters brought the issue to a head, said Qantas.

Analysis said the announcement was likely to fuel speculation that Qantas wisbed to sell its stake. An initial public offering of shares in Qantas is scheduled for July.

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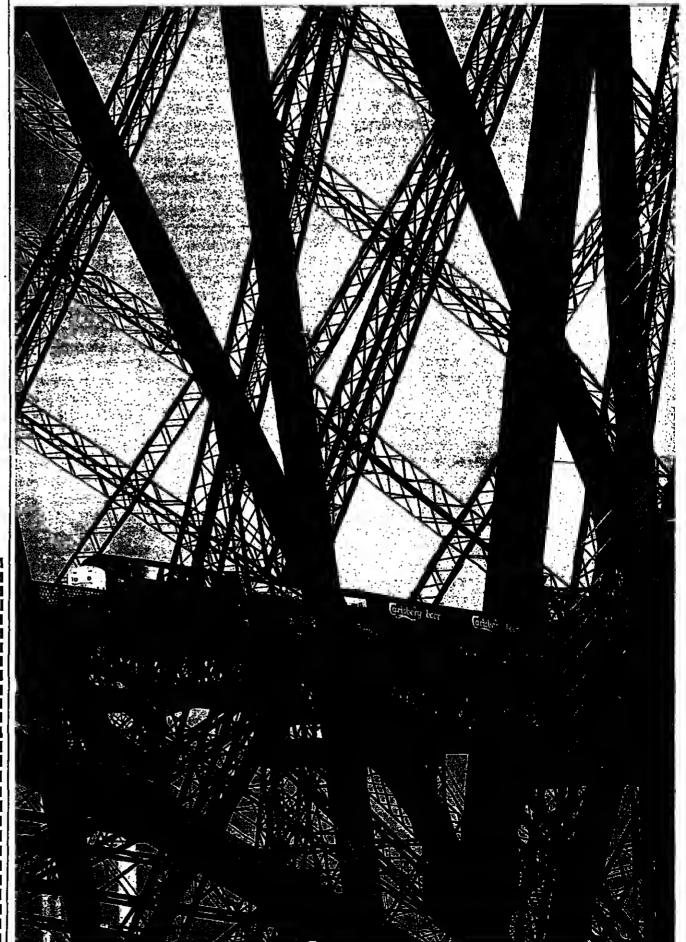
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For Now, Internet Advertisers Need Blind Faith

By Laurie Flynn New York Tones Service

NEW YORK - Like many companies still unsure whether the Internet is a husiness fad or the face of the future. Chrysler Corp. recently took a leap of faith into online advertising.

The automaker purchased ads at several locations on the World Wide Web, the Internet's multimedia service. Chrysler has also created a kind of electronic brochure on the Web, including a virtual car show-

room and a look at safety systems. The automaker's challenge now is to figure out whether potential consumers are paying attention.

Chrysler's predicament is shared by tens of thousands of businesses that have begun running interactive advertisements on the Weh. Right now there is no reliable way to know how many people are actually inter-

acting with their ads. Television has its A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings, which purport to tell advertisers how many sets are tuned in when their ads run. Radio is similarly served by Arhitron Co., and magazines and newspapers have au-

diting agencies that track circulation. Such audience measurements provide the basis for the advertising rates set by broadcasters and publishers and for marketers' assessments of how well their advertising budgets are being spent.

For advertisers putting their money into cyberspace, however, there are no Nielsens - not yet, at least. That could soon change,

In the last few months, some ambitious young software companies have announced techniques for measuring the audience for Internet ads.

Nielsen, a subsidiary of Dun & Brad-street Corp., in May said it planned to enter the game itself, probably in a venture with a class of the \$125 billion a year now being spent for all media in the United States, but a grow-ing share nevertheless.

with a start-up concern Arbitron, a unit of Ceridian Corp., has also expressed interest.

Some of the start-ups, including Digital Planet and Internet Profiles Corp., recently started performing their monitoring serrices for a few Internet advertisers.

While it is too early to say whether either of these, or any other services, might become the industry standard, advertisers are eager for some norm to emerge. Otherwise they must continue to rely on guesswork and trust.

"Today, you come up with a number that seems reasonable and then keep raising the price as long as people are willing to pay it," said David Carlick, senior vice president of Poppy Tyson Advertising, one of two agencies enlisted by Chrysler to create its on-line campaign.

More advertisers appear ready to start spending at least part of their hudgets on

Jupiter Communications Co., a marketresearch company in New York, said the target audience was the nearly 4.6 million people with Internet access and software allowing them to visit the World Wide Web, an area of the Internet where text can be mingled with photographs, film clips

Jupiter forecast that the number of Web users will more than double by 1997. John Dimling, president of Nielsen Me-

dia Research, prediets that the Web will be generating hundreds of millions of dollars a year in advertising sales hy the end of the decade - a tiny amount compared with

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Chrysler, which so far is restricting its Web site to pictures and text (the address is http://www.chryslercorp.com), is also huying ads at two other electronic sites on the Web.

One is Time Warner Inc.'s Pathfinder site (http://www.pathfinder.com): the other is Wired magazine's HotWired (http://www.hotwired.com).

Internet advertisers are eager for data that would show the most effective sites on the Web.

What is ultimately needed, said J.R. Julow, director of marketing operations at Chrysler, is a system that measures not only the effectiveness of one Internet ad over another, but one that can compare the effectiveness of Internet advertising with ads placed on television or in newspapers.

Analysts say other companies that may provide answers include Logical Design Soutions of Murray Hill. New Jersey, and a joint venture of Delahaye Group of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Internet Media Services of Palo Alto, California

Monitoring overall use of the World Wide Web is easy, as network servers automatically create a log of network activity. But in most cases, the information is limited to tracking the number of times a file on a Web site is called up.

The big task for the new Web-monitoring services is analyzing the raw traffic statistics and turning them into useful marketing data, such as how many times the same people viewed an ad, how long they lingered and what route they took to get there.



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Male Dominance of the Net Eases Slowly

By Peter H. Lewis New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A new demographic survey of the Internet has confirmed that the global computer network is predominantly a men's club, with male users outnumbering females nearly 2 to 1. But the new numbers are considered surprising. because earlier and less rigorous surveys had put the margin at closer to 9 to 1.

For husinesses hoping to use the internet as a marketing and commercial tool. this may mean the audience is not the electronic fraternity of students and the technologically obsessed that many have assumed it to be.

The numbers can be interpreted either as encouraging or as discouraging. They could be encouraging because the Internet. like any other social structure, benefits from diversity, and the numbers suggest that the Internet is more diverse than a

preponderance of men's names attached to electronic mail and other messages.

But they could also be discouraging because a 2-to-1 ratio for the overall internet, while more halanced than one might have expected, is still far from a reflection of the real world.

They are even more discouraging when universities and other educational organizations are excluded from the survey. The percentages then become 70 percent male, 30 percent female, suggesting that business connections to the Internet are still mostly the province of men.

"My suspicion is that sooner or later the Internet will approximate the 50-50 ratio, simply because the Internet is going to reach a larger portion of the entire popula-tion," said John S. Quarterman of Matrix Information & Directory Services in Austin, Texas, which conducted the survey.

The survey, conducted in October 1994 and reported this month, appears to be one casual user might expect, based on the of the most comprehensive yet undertaken

of the Internet. Detailed surveys were sen! to more than 13,000 organizations on the internet; 1,468 usable responses were received. According to Quarterman, the margin of error is 2.8 percent, with a confidence level of 95 percent.

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The big question, as always, is how many people use the Internet.

The survey estimated there were 13.5 million consumer users of the Internet and 27.5 million users of electronic mail.

It also estimated that children 12 years old or younger constituted just 0.5 percent of all Internet users and that people under 18 accounted for only 2,3 percent.

The numbers are important to keep in mind when considering efforts by legislaturs and conservative groups to restrict "indecent" material on the Internet, Sponsors of these attempts at censorship say their efforts are necessary to protect children from pornographers, pedophiles and other child-abusers on the information highway.

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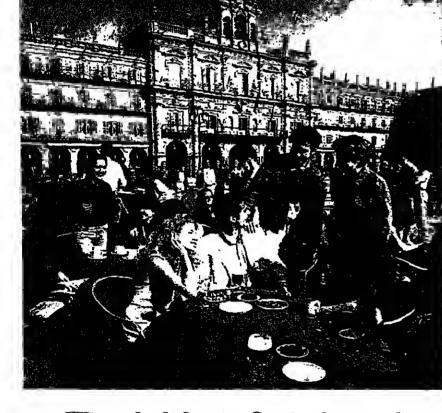
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NHL Floats Its Blueprint For 2 Leagues in Europe

But Partners Criticize Salary Plans as Cheap

NEW YORK - The National Hockey League is considering establishing two new hock-ey leagues in Europe, an elite one and a lower-caliber one.

But some of the NHL's overseas partners in the proposed venture are wary of its shoestring approach. Proposals for the new leagues

are outlined in a report that the NHL assembled for a committee it has established with the International Ice Hockey Federation, the sport's governing hody.
The report recommends that

the NHL and the IIHF form an elite league that would be on a level with the top domestic leagues in Sweden. Finland and Russia and would play games against those leagues.

A second league, an "expansion model," would feature a lower standard of competition and would operate in nontraditional hockey markets.

Among cities under consideration are Barcelona. London, Manchester, Milan, Paris, Munich and Dortmund, Germany.

The NHL is in a race with the U.S.-based International Hockey League to set up shop in Europe, which they consider a fertile market.

Both the NHL and IHL have set September 1996 as the target oate for the start-up of their European operations.

While European officials say they want to do business with the NHL, they think its proposed salary structure will not attract quality players and

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could wind up doing more harm than good in promoting the was the only proposal that the

\$48,000 salary cap, plus accommodations, while the expansion model calls for a \$15,000 cap. plus accommodations.

"I am not impressed with the is about the same." plans and I bave told them I am not," said Rickard Fagerlund. president of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation and chairman of the international federation's committee working on

Another European official, who asked not 10 be identified. said: "With that kind of salary, what kind of player will you have? People are not crazy here in Europe.

We have to bring to the big cities a good product. You cannot bring a product with lowlevel salaries. The proposal was first dis-

cussed in March and again at the world championships in Sweden in April. Steve Solomon, the NHL's vice president and its lead nego-

tiator with the Europeans, said the proposal has been changed dramatically since it was first offered.

"It continues to be molded and modified, and where we come out at the end may be significantly different," Solomon said. "I would call it a developmental approach, a start-up approach, a gettinginto-the-market approach and introducing hockey into markets which don't have a great

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But Fagerlund said the report European officials have seen. The clite league would have a although he said changes have been discussed.

"f would say it is about the same," he said. "They have added some items to the plan, but it

The NHL says there are cost concerns about starting up an elite league.

"Stocking the new league with sufficient talent to allow its teams to compete, even marginally, incurs costs too great for the new markets to bear from projected revenues," the

Skip Prince, author of the report, said the proposed salaries are in line with AHL and European first division salaries for the elite league, while the salaries for the lower league mirror what players are paid in the U.S. minor leagues.

 Dave King, awaiting word on whether he will be retained as coach of the Calgary Flames. with his contract running out Wednesday, could become coach of Switzerland's national

Peter Zahner, coordinator of national teams for the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation, said that "if Dave King was available he would be the top candidate."

King, the tormer national coach for Canada, said he told the Swiss that "I hope I'm employed here."

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"If I'm not, then I will have the ninth for his fourth save. to look at whatever is there."



Cal Ripken, on an anniversary, got a tight pitch, then hit a game-winning sacrifice fly.

Giants' Late Homers Sink the Expos, 4-3

The Associated Press The San Francisco Giants' 3-4 batters carried a 1-2 punch get your first hit."

again. Barry Bonds and Matt Williams hit back-to-back ninthinning homers Tuesday night to the the score at 3-3 in Montreal. and Bonds beat the Expos, 4-3, with a run-scoring double two

innings later.
"My homer didn't do anything," said Bonds, who has hit three of them in the last three games. "Matt's homer is the one that counted. He had to tie the game and he did it."

Bonds's homer, with one out, chased starter Butch Henry, who had allowed five hits to come within two outs of being the first Montreal pitcher with a complete game this season.

Williams hit his major-league leading 13th homer on a fullcount pitch from Tim Scott. "I was just trying to get a base hit," said Williams, who

run single in the eighth in Seat-

The Yankees, 1-7 on their

current road trip, have blown 6

of 13 save chances this season.

Ivan Rodriguez made two wild

throws in the ninth as host Kan-

Palmer's two homers for Texas.

its seventh loss in 1 i games.

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Felipe Lira pitched two in-nings for his first major league

Royals 7, Rangers 6: Catcher

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comeback victory for San Francisco, which biew a 5-0 lead Monday night before scoring six in the ninth to win

Moises Alou went 3 for 5 with two singles and a double and drove in a run for the Expos, who took a 2-1 lead in the fourth when Bonds bobbled

NL ROUNDUP

Mike Lansing's base hit to left for his first error of the season. Phillies 5, Dodgers 0: Tyler Green pitched his first major league shutout, allowing seven hits, as Philadelphia, helped by four uncarned runs in the third. won its 10th in 13 games.

Tom Candiotti gave up only three hits in four innings but was hurt by five walks and a wild pitch as Los Angeles lost its fifth straight.

The Phillies used three walks, a wild pitch, a passed ball, three-base error by center fielder Roberto Kelly and Charlie Hayes' two-run single to score the four runs. The fifth run day earlier, hit a go-ahead, twocame on a sacrifice fly by Lenny Dykstra in the eighth.

Reds 4, Pirates 2: Cincinnati, with the majors' longest winning streak this season, eight games, won in Pittsburgh as Pete Schourek allowed only four hits, including Jeff King's two-run homer, in 81/2 innings. Ed Taubensee and Deion

sas City rallied to win its sixth straight, overcoming Dean Sanders hit run-scoring triples and two runs resulted directly Tom Goodwin singled leadfrom the Pirates' throwing ering off the ninth and took third rors on stolen bases. Sanders when Vince Coleman bunted got two of the Reds' 13 hits and and Rodriguez threw wildly to one of their five stolen bases. Mets 8, Padres 0: Brett But-

ler drove in three runs, two on a With the bases loaded and single in the fifth that began the one out, Gary Gaetti hit a slow scoring, as New York beat visitroller to the mound. Matt Whiing San Diego. Cardinals 8, Rockies 5: St. teside threw home, forcing

Goodwin, Rodriguez then Louis, playing at home, won threw to first, trying for a dou-hle play, but the ball sailed high consecutive games for the first time since May 14 by taking and wide of the bag as Coleman advantage of Colorado's poor fielding on consecutive bunts to score three runs on one hit in Tigers 8, Blue Jays 6: Lou Whitaker hit a two-run double the seventh. in a three-run eighth as visiting Detroit rallied to hand Toronto

Tom Pagnozzi, Ray Lank-ferd and Todd Zeile drove in two runs each for the Cardinals, who matched their season high with 14 hits. Zeile was 3 for 4:

win, and Mike Henneman got Schott, and Cincinnati's top Indians 2, White Sox 1: Chibusiness executives have agreed to work on plans to build cago pitcher Alex Fernandez ballpark next to Riverfront Stathrew wildly to first on Albert dium, the team's current home. Belle's single in the eighth, ict-

moving the Reds to get a new stadium, and members of the Cincinnati Business Committee said Tuesday the stadium Brewers 5, Twins 3: Joe Oliwould be similar to new ballver had three hits and three parks in Cleveland, Baltimore RBIs as Milwaukee halted an and Denver. They said they eight-game losing streak at hoped it would be ready for the

> Edwin Artzt, chairman and chief executive of Procter & Gamble Co., said business leaders would work out the financing and design, subject to approval by Schott, the National League and major league base-

Wakefield's Knuckleball Confounds the A's four hits while striking out five. homer helped beat New York a

Tim Wakefield, so bad that said. "I felt good enough that I

fling batters with his knuckle-"It's like catching a butter-

fly," Oakland's Mark McGwire said Tuesday night after going 0-for-3 in the Athletics' 1-0 loss to Boston. "We didn't catch a lot of butterflies tonight. We needed a bigger net." Wakefield allowed two hits in

71/3 innings, struck out four and walked one. Ken Ryan pitched "I was very surprised I went

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Orioles 5, Angels 4: Cal Ripken celebrated the 13th anniversary of the start of his consecutive-games streak, now at 2,039, with three hits and a sacrifice fly in the 10th that gave visiting Baltimore its victory over California.

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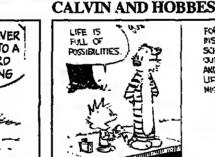




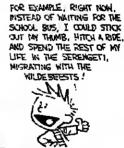








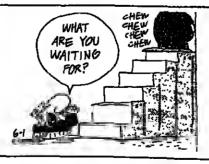








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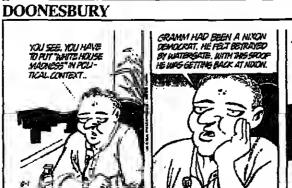


















By Christopher Clarey
Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS — ft was 4-3 in the fifth set, in favor of Gilbert Schaller, when a large white dove landed on Center Court without a ticket. As the crowd tittered, the dove strutted its 15 seconds of fame before being shooed nff the hurgundy surface by ushers.

But before flying off the premises, the dove swooped back over the court, over the head of Pete Sampras, who jokingly fired a tennis ball in its direc-

In a different year, on a different surface, that dove might have been a good omen for the lean American. But in 1995, on that red clay of the French Open, the dove was merely showing the No. 2 seed the way out of the stadium.

Sampras had built his spring around this tournament, revamping his schedule to give himself the best chance to win the only Grand Slam event missing from his enviable curriculum vitae. As it turned out, he could not even manage to get past the first round.

"I think this loss is probably going to sit with me for quite a while," he said falling, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, 6-4, in Schaller in a match that lasted 4 hours and 2 minutes and stretched over two days.

The Sampras-Schaller match wasn't the only lnng nne at Stade Rnland Garrns on Wednesday. This was the day the tournament began to gather speed, and it began with Mar-tina Hingis, the 14-year-old from Switzerland, living up to her premature celebrity by saving three match points and de-feating Judith Wiesner of Austria, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, in the first round.

Several hours later, Richard Krajicek, the 15th seed from the Netherlands, was beaten in five sets in the second round by a 19-year-old Australian qualifier named Andrew flie, ranked 252d in the world.

Shortly after that, three-time Freich Open champion Mats Wilander came within a wellplaced groundstroke or two of upsetting eighth seed Wayne Ferreira, one of the top performers on clay this spring. Wilander, playing for pleasure more than trophies as he comes back at age 30, served for the match and a place in the third round at 6-5 in the fifth set. But Mean's Stoples, First Round
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Kerra 6-2, 1-8, ret., Mosmus Larsson 110), Sweden, def. Jordi Arrese, Sooin, 6-1, 1-4, 6-2, 6-4;
Andrei Chesnolaw, Russio, def. Aoron Krick-shin, U.S., 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; David Rild, Carch Republic, def. Jonotham Stork, U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2;
Sooil Drover: Australia, det. Jonos Blorkman.
Sweden, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2, 6-3, 5-6, 6-2; Resuo Furian, Ilday, def. Morroso Guntanka, South Arico, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Minoroso Guntanka, South Arico, 6-4, 6-6, 6-3; Minoroso Guntanka, South Arico, 6-4, 6-6, 6-3; Mendrik Dreekmann, Germany, def.
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Gilbert Schaller, Austria, def. Pete Samanas CD,
U.S., 1-6, 7-10-7), 6-2, 6-4; Stova Dasadel,
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McElaroe, U.S., 6-2, 6-1, 6-3; Jim Courter (13),
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Johnson, U.S., 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; David Wilmarton,
U.S., def., Emilio Sonchez, Spoin, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3), 7-4 (7-3); Yevgeny Kafeinikov 19), Russia,
def. Mogmas Gustafsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-7 (2-7),
6-1, 7-5; Alberto Casta, Spoin, def. Guilloume
Roans, France, & A., 4-4, 4-5 (2-7),
6-1, 7-5; Alberto Casta, Spoin, def. Guilloume he ended up losing by a score that is every bit as exhausting to read as it was tn be part of: 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-1), 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 8-

Apparently, the prospect of such suffering is exactly why Wilander is back playing a relatively full schedule after a long stretch as a dilettante.

"I tell you, going out there for 4 hours and 20 minutes is an unbelievable adrenaline kick," he said. "There's nothing I could dn for that long outside nf tennis and keep that adrenaline

pumping. When play in the Sampras-Schaller match was suspended necause of darkness on Tuesday. Samoras had just broken

serve to take a 3-1 lead in the

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third set. But the overnight break did not do the secondseeded American any favors. Schaller broke him immediately to get back on serve. And though Sampras pulled ont the tiebreaker, he was unable to maintain control in the final two sets, making too many mistakes from the baseline, particularly off his weaker backhand wing, and failing to get in a high percentage of first serves.

"I could talk a lot about the turning points of the match, but we would be here all day," said Sampras, who finished with 24 aces, 10 double faults and a whopping 99 unforced errors. "Bottom line is that I am out of the French Open.'

Schaller, a 26-year-old Austrian from Graz, with a shock of blond hair and a marvelous backhand, might not be as widely known or feared as his countrymen and practice partner Thomas Muster, but he, too, has had considerable recent success. Since winning his first career title in Casablanca in March, he has reached four quarterfinals on clay and sauntered into Paris with his ranking at an all-time high of 24.

"That is a tough first-round match for anybody, especially for me, and so I knew it was going to be a battle," said Sampras, who referred to his opponent as "Mr. Schaller" in the postmatch news conference.

Sampras played the match with an elastic wrap on his right wrist but said afterward the wrist had been only "a little sore the last couple of days' and had not hindered his play.

By Clifton Brown

New York Times Service

Houston Rockets love to play in

San Antonio, but they may not

Winning their third consecu-

get to return until next season.

tive playoff game at the Alamo-

dome, the Rockets routed the

Spurs, 111-90, on Tuesday night

in Game 5 of the Western Con-

a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven

series, and the defending Na-

tional Basketball Association

champions can return to the

league final by winning Game 6

home. But after Tuesday night's

performance, the Rockets may

sense that they have taken San

hegul (11), Spoin, Marcelo Rios, Chile, 6-47-56-7(3-7) 3-66-1; Andre Agossi (1), U.S., doi. Todd Waedbridge, Australia, 7-5 6-7 6-8.

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Swardt, South Africa, def. Nothalie Dechy,
France, 6-1, 6-4; Petra Schwarz-Riffer, Austria, def. Rudko Zrubokova, Shvuxka, 6-4, 6-2;
Lindsay Downsort (7), U.S. def. Min Tons,
Horis Kons, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Jann Novotno (5),
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6-1, 2-4, 6-1; Marijno Hingts, Switzerfond, def.
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h Wiesner, Austrie, 2-4, 6-3, 7-5; Sandrine

4. 84; Elena Likhovbseva. Russka, def. Asa Corlsson. Sweden, 74 (10-0), 6-2; Virginie Zuitson. France, def. Nosile Van Loftum, France, 6-7 (3-7), 2-5, 6-2; Elena Likhovbseva,

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Results of the Third Day's Matches at the French Open

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SAN ANTONIO — The and adding 9 rebounds and 8

That may be easier said than at point guard was the perfect

done, because no team in this complement to Olajuwon's

series has been able to win at overwhelming inside presence.

And while Wilander was exulting in defeat, Schaller, the man who idolized Wilander as a teenager, was left to exult in victory. At the end of 1991, his fifth season as a professional, he was still ranked No. 323. But after ahandoning the ultrawestern forehand grip that was rendering him vulnerable, he decided to give the tour one more try in 1992.

"My wife and I made a deci-on," Schaller said, "We agreed that she would stop working and let us try it for one more year. I told her, You travel with me. If I make it, we do it. If not, bye tennis."

aller finished the year at No. 82, and the seeds of Sampras's first-round lnss were Antonio's best shot.

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David Campese, breaking Canadian tackles, set up one try and twice came close himself.

"I think his performance in

some regards broke our spirit," said the Spurs' coach, Bob Hill.

NBA PLAYOFFS

"It seemed like he made every

And Sam Cassell, a second-

year player who has already en-

joyed some huge playoff mo-

ments, had another one with 30

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This was a devastating loss

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det, Mirforn Oruzions, Notherlands, 6-2, 6-3;
Irina Selvies, Romania, det, Catherine
Mothes, Franca, 6-0, 6-1; Virginia Ruomo-Pascual, Spoin, det, Pathy Pandick, U.S., 7-3, 6-1;
Nathalis Baudone, Italy, det, Kristie Boogeri,
Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4; Versalian Martinet,
Germany, det, Potricla Hy-Baulois, Canoda,
6-1, 6-9; Russandra Dragomir, Romania, det.
Linde Harvey-Wild, U.S., 6-1, 4-4, 6-1; Catalina
Cristea, Romania, det. Joannette Krugeri,

Lindo Harvey-Wild, U.S., 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Certalina Cristea, Romanilo, del. Jounnelle Kruser, Sauth Africa, 6-3, 6-4; Adriana Serra-Zonetti, Hafy, def. Paola Suarez, Argentina, 6-2, 6-3; Kyoko Nagatsuka, Janen, def. Ets Callens, Betalum, 4-4, 6-4, 6-4; Nothalie Tauzlot, France, def. Magdalena Moleeva (6), Bujgarlo, 4-6, 6-3; Sabine Aspekmans, Betalum, def. Tom Whillinger Janes, U.S. 7-5, 4-4, 6-3; Anke Huber (11). Germany, dol. Brenda Schultz, Mathes Compt.

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Rockets Take Flight With Olajuwon

England Slips by Italy, 27-20 - And Even Scores 2 Tries

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune

DURBAN, South Africa -This is a story without an end-ing, of England advancing stolidly in the rain. The 27-20 defeat of Italy on Wednesday night promised the English a day in the Rugby World Cup quarterfinals but nothing more than that. Whereas last winter they had promised much more

"I think it's a couple of strides below the Grand Slam performances," the team's manger, Jack Rowell, said of Enland's undefeated run through the Five Nations Championship early this year. "Given that our players were certainly fit, fit mentally and pretty fresh, and considering they were training with a lot of enthusiasm, it is disappointing."

Now they are no longer fit. The importance of their final-Pool B game, on Saturday against fellow quarterfinalist Western Samoa, is difficult to weigh. The winner gets Austra-lia in a quarterfinal the following weekend, while the loser meets South Africa. No one can say which is the easier path. Rowell would just like to see England standing at the foot of

The Spurs won more games

62) than any other team during

the regular season, but this sea-

son will soon end unless they

can win two consecutive games

A 22-point first half by

Clyde Drexler got 11 points

Olajnwon powered the Rockets

to a 50-45 lead at intermission.

that half and was much more

aggressive than he had been in

either Game 3 or Game 4. And

the defense was solid, forcing

the Spurs into 12 turnovers that

Vinny Del Negro, who hurt

two quarters. And with Rodman

took it the wrong way because

sion to investigate the corrup-

tion that has rocked the sport. FIFA's executive committee

gave the formal go-ahead for introducing sudden death in overtime at the World Cup fin-

als in France in 1998, and it was

decided not to sanction Nigeria

for refusing to play in last month's World Youth Champi-

onship after the tournament

was moved from Nigeria to Qa-

• Ted Drake, one of En-

gland's most feared strikers of

He scored 150 goals for Arse-

the 1930s, has died following a

nal in 197 league and cup matches before World War II

short illness. He was 82.

interrupted his career.

concerts in London."

from the Rockets.

the shadow it cast last March, if not running ahead of it.

Unfortunately, Will Carling (sprained ankle) and Dean Richards (hamstring) will have to try to recover by Saturday, South Avertic Rob Andrew, Jeremy Guscott and Rory Underwood seriously bruised (or worse) after this game, ft was one England managed from the start; it was England west. close at the break (16-10) and at flory the end; but both of ftaly's tries came on the last plays of each half. So it is hard to say which is treton the more deceiving - England's physical and tactical strengths, or its weakness of in-

spiration.
"It was a win and a clear improvement," Rowell said. shot ourselves in the foot jury time, and in the second we pressured ourselves.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Australia: 27. Camera 11

Australia: Tries: Ille Tobac (Frimin.).

Result | Australia: | Australia "We shot ourselves in the foot in injury time, and in the second England lack the killer instinct, don't they?"

In fact, none of England's peers has looked overwhelming, apart from South Africa in its opening victory over Australia hier (Grd), (65m) Co last week. Everyone is trying to peak for the last two weeks.

It took only nine minutes for England to build on last week's try-less victory against Argentiand it happened only after the Italians had made two advances inside the England 22meter line. Tim Rodber forced
and recovered the fumble which
Kyran Bracken shoveled deep
toward the right wing, eventually to Tony Underwood who sprinted in from midfield with England's first try in more than 169 minutes, or since last Feb-

That made it 10-0 and more penalties by stand-in captain Andrew (for Carting), whose sure kicking has now either won two games for England or else prodded the team into its conservative funk, built it up to 16when Italy's Alessandro Troncon kicked desperately into the corner at the end of the ing the quarterfinals. half. Mike Catt's punt but was blocked and caught for a try by

Paolo Vaccari. The Italian coach, Georges Coste, had switched three playans last week. His star winger. Marcello Cuttitta, who had Houston badly the previous two grown up in suburban Durban

15 points on six conversions and was so looking forward to and a penalty, while five other grown up in suburban Durban games, did not score the first the bench and then dropped al- against four tries for Japan in a together. Without him and the match full of energetic runing. others, Italy held tight early in the second half, until Mario
Gerosa slipped and flubbed a
punt from the same corner as shoulder injury and woulmiss ount from the same corner as shoulder injury and woulmiss Catt. The try was run in by the the rest of the tournamen with

> Port Elizabeth, flyhalf Michael captain, Masabiro Kundi Lynagh scored a try among his 17 points to lead defending champion Australia to a work-manlike victory.

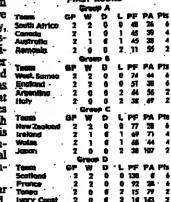
said I wanted a certain amount of time off to go to some soul Lynagh moved past Grant Fox of New Zealand into sec-• FIFA, concerned over the ond place on the all-time World scandal in Malaysia and reports of bribes at the World Youth Cap points list with 178, behind the 198 of Scotland's Gavin Championship, announced in Zurich that it will form commis-

Despite a slippery field caused by hours of rain, Australia raced to a 17-0 lead in the first 10 minutes on tries by flank Ilie Tabua and wing Joe Roff, both converted by Lynagh, who also kicked a penalty.

The rugged match produced several injuries, with Mark Har-till, Phil Kearns, Peter Slattery and Willie Ofahengaue going off for Australia, while Gareth Rowlands hobbled off for Can-

Australia's cnach, Boh Dwyer said the injuries would keep Kearns, Slattery and Ofahengane out of the match Saturday.

Ireland 50, Japan 28: In Bloemfontein, the favored Irish World Cup Standings



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htter: (43rd), (45th) Conversions: Paul Burke (12th, 21st, 47th 45th, 48th, 77th). Pencity: Poul Burke (77th). Lionan: Tries: Sinall Lotu (35th), Ko Izawa (38th), Saill Hiras (39th), Malaccot Tokara (77th), Conversions: Yashibito Yashida (36th, 38th, 59th, 74th). England: 27, Italy 28 England: 27, Italy 28 England: Tries: Toxy Underwood (8th), Rory Underwood (49th), Conversion; Rob Andrew (9th), Paniotties: Audrew (14th, 13rd, 38th, 57th, 63rd).

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needed two penalty tries in the second half to get by Japan and keep their hopes alive of mak-

South African referee Stef Neethling awarded the penalty tries when the Japanese repeatedly collapsed scrums close to their line to stop imminent Irish ers and benched five more from scores. It was believed to be the his most talented team, the one first time a referee awarded two that was shredded by the Samo- penalty tries to one side in a World Cup match.

Paul Burke led the Irish with playing here, was first sent to Ireland players scored tries

The Irish manager, Noel younger Underwood brother, an as yet unspecified reace.

Rory, for a lead of 21-10 in the ment brought in. 49th minute. For Japan, it was too uch Australia 27, Canada 11: In Irish size and power, st its

New Zealand 34, Wale: In Johannesburg, Andrew hr-tens kicked for 19 points he All Blacks clinched a bein the quarterfinals.

New Zealand dominative opening 40 minutes, apig constant pressure that but two Mehrtens penalties; tries by center Walter Little wing Marc Filis

Welsh flyhalf Neil Je opened the scoring with a goal and added a penalty his side was tentative or attack and focused more c fending by double-teamin Black wing Jonah Lomu to vent the kind of game-bre-runs he made in New Zeal opening victory over Ireia

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"Not in a million years would on the bench, the Spars had only by 16 points in the first quarter, I guess we could lose three 1 offensive rebound at intermisthen spent the rest of the game home games in this series," sion; they got 24 in Game 4.

star Rund Gnllit signed Wednesday with the English premier league club Chelsea on a free transfer from the Italian

Hakeem Olajuwon was mag-nificent, leading all scorers with 42 points on 19-of-30 shooting involving Dennis Rodman, San The Spurs won more games

Antonio's eccentric forward,

who was benched for the first 7

minutes, 11 seconds of the game

after being 40 minutes late for

Monday's practice. He imished

with 8 points and 12 rebounds.

rebounded by 64-39 in Sun-day's loss, held the Spurs to a

The Rockets ended the sus-

pense by starting the fourth quarter with a 14-6 run, for a 96-79 lead with seven minutes

left. David Robinson was San

Antonio's only consistent of-

fensive threat, and he was badly

ontplayed by Olajuwon. He had

22 points and 12 rebounds.

38-38 draw in this game.

The Rockets, after being out-

He said one of his main reasons for joining Chelsea was that its manager, Glenn Hoddie, had agreed to play him as a sweeper, the position at which he hegan his career before switching to striker.

"That is where f started my career in Holland and that is where Glenn Hoddle wants me to play for Chelsea," said Gulwho has scored 16 goals in 66 international appearances for his country. "I can show my skills more there, ft is a different game and although f scored a lot of goals as a striker, I never felt f really had the killer instinct you need for it." Gullit, 32, said that sugges-

Gullit Is Leaving Sampdoria To Play for London's Chelsea tions he was joining Chelsea merely to wind down his career LONDON - Dutch soccer were "just a joke. Somebody

team Sampdoria. Gullit, who twice helped AC Milan win the European Champions Cup title, signed a twoyear deal that reportedly will earn him \$2.4 million.

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slanting the news. It is difficult because it is the reader, not the reporter, who calls the tune when it comes to news. If I write that Hong Kong



has developed Buchwald its own atomic bomb, the reader says, "Why is he bothering me with this junk?"

If, on the other hand, Princess Diana is accused of baving an affair with her horse trainer, the subscriber says. 'We'll take everything you can give us."

The only reason for the existence of newspapers is to make money for the owners. The more readers a newspaper has, the more freight the paper can bill the advertisers. In order to attract these readers, newspapers have to feed stuff that the people will salivate over.

DUBLIN- Jake, Ireland's star drug-busting dog, has been found safe four days after his abduction by suspected narcotics traders, authorities said on Wednesday. He will soon be back at work in the frontline of the Irish war on drugs. "He seems fine. It'll just take a little time to settle back in," said a spokeswoman for Irish customs. Jake, a golden labrador who has sniffed out narcotics worth \$14 million in a six-year career, was abducted during the weekend.

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> I was at a dinner in Georgetown the other night where everyone started to pick on the

"Why don't you write something positive about the Clintons?" Marty Herrold asked

"Because if we did you wouldn't read it," I told her. "That's not a good reason," Marty said.

"Řeaders expect fairness from their papers, and we're not getting it when all you tell us is the din about the British roy-

Stuart Weisberg said, "The only oews we get about the govemment is when a politician sexually harasses someone in his office. Why don't you praise Congress for what they do?" "What have they done that I should praise them?

There was dead silence at the table. Then Stuart added, "You could think of something." I said, "You believe that

Canine Drug-Buster Safe journalists are corrupt. This is far from the truth. We don't need money because all of us have trust funds from our grandparents. The only thing we can be bought with is flattery. If someone makes a nice remark about a story, we'll go into the tank for them for a whole year.'

The Reverend Robert Hoffman Naylor rose from the table, "I would like to propose a prayer not for the newspeople in Washington but for the thousands of citizens in this town who leak to them. To the unwashed snitches — God bless them one and all."

Thomas Keneally: The Australian Connection

By Judith Weinraub Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — When Thomas Keneally was a young man in New South Wales, he set out to become a priest. To the grandson of a blue-collar immigrant from Ireland's County Cork. the Catholic Church represented the seductive combination of goodness and sophistication.

"In the dull Australia of the '50s, it was a dramatic option that put you in touch with ancient Europe," he says. "And it offered me things I liked—the opportunity to serve people, the ritual, the sense of political identity."

But six years after he entered the seminary, Keneally realized the church could not contain his growing passions. It wasn't that he lusted after robust Australian women or worldly goods. What be wanted to do most was to tell stories. "Most fiction writers are freethinkers," he says. "I used to write verse and stories and articles. It was looked upon very ambiguously.'

The man who once wondered if it was possible for someone from the Southern Hemisphere to write about seasons he'd never encountered, flowers he'd never seen, has since produced 25 books.

With a short white beard ringing his chin, Keneally, 59, still looks like a priest — of the 14th-century Italian friar variety. Indeed, the stories he is attracted to have stayed close to churchly concerns: vices and virtues, heroism and goodness, moral dilemmas. Keneally tells "I'm fascinated by questions like what virtue is, what bravery is." tales of ordinary folk challenged by the vagaries of fate who managed to define themselves through their personal codes of conduct - however difficult. "I'm fascinated by questions like ethical quandaries. In Tim Shea, the protagonist what virtue is, what bravery is," says Keneally of his new book, "A River Town," he has with characteristic cheerfulness. "Particularly created another unlikely moral force. for weak men."

"Schindler's List." the novel that brought Keneally fame outside the literary community after it became a hit movie, contains an extreme example of just such a man faced with formidable choices. "To what extent are these decisions vanity and to what extent generosity?" he asks, still splitting theological hairs. "We can't quantify where one leaves off and the other begins."

Judith Keneally says such questions emerge naturally from her husband's character. "I could see very early that he was a very different sort of person from any other man I'd had friendships with," says the author's wife of 30 years, who was a oun for seven years before they met. 'There's an area there that's absolutely deep, far more committed to doing something about hu-man justice — and also far more humorous." In the 13 years and five novels he's penned



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A character based on Keneally's grandfather, Shea has fled the hypocritical social conventions and poverty of British-controlled Ireland to become a shopkeeper in a small river town in turnof-the-century Australia. Just as Schindler's unexpected capacity to be brave was transfiguring, Shea's instant, openhearted reactions to an accident suddenly elevate him from grocer to hero, thrusting him into the public eye and forever changing his life — but not particularly for the

To the author, the sequence of events though not in any way based in fact -- is almost inevitable. "I never have to dream up moral crises, "says Keneally, in Washington recently to promote the book and also to be feted by the Australian Embassy. "They're the questions that arise without my trying."

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thesh them out are oot. Whether writing about the American South during the Civil War ("The Confederates"), the signing of the armistice that ended World War I ("Gossip From the Forest"), an 18th-century British penal colony in Australia ("The Playmsker") or a World War II medical unit in Yugoslavia ("Season in Purgatory''), Keneally relies on research for the though he swears he never lets it get in the way of a good yarn. (Only for "Schindler's List" did

veracity rule his writerly decisions.)
For "A River Town," Keneally pored over contemporaneous newspapers for evocative period details; the prevailing diseases, the kinds of accidents people had, the food available. A moving subplot was derived from a grisly Victorian account of a girl who died during an abortion, and whose severed head was carried from town to town in a bottle of formaldehyde by an official trying to identify her.

Keneally returned to what he knew of his

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grandparents, however, to give definition to Tim Shea and his wife. So it's not surprising that the author has much in common with Shea: A willingness to take personal risks ("If you don't take risks, you can't call yourself a novelist," he says). A dangerous impulse toward "exorbitant generosity." An abiding affection for his wife. A deeply felt connection to Australia.

Judith Keneally sees the similarity too.
"Tom's a bit of a Tim," she says. "He's extremely brave in taking up issues and causes — and sometimes with just as much reck-lessness — but he takes up his work and life with far more analysis than Tim did. He has a much greater sense of the real world."

One of the story lines in the book relates to Shea's nascent — and then — inflammatorybelief that Australia need not remain an appendage of the distant British crown. A century later Keneally — who thinks his grandfather's 'obscure desire for independence' led him east to Australia when the rest of the family emigrated west to Brooklyn - founded the Australian Republican Movement (ARM). which advocates pulling the country out of the British Commonwealth.

Keneally's extensive political activities in that movement have found him balancing a life between his homeland and the University of California at Irvine, where he taught half the year for the past four years. He has no desire to make

the United States his permanent home, however.
"It would take a totalitarian regime to make me leave Australia permanently," he says.
In fact, he recently gave up his teaching job to return to his home in a beach-side suburb (c. Sydney to work on several Australia-based projects: two novels that will continue the saga of the Shea family and a nonfiction book about Irish political prisoners who escaped to Amer-

ica from Australia. His output is prodigious, and he's convinced that keeping his distance from the main Eusmells and tastes and preoccupations of the ropean and American publishing centers had period. Enormous amounts of research — something to do with it. "I benefited greatly from glorious colonial ignorance," he says.
"No one was around to tell me, "The chains won't stock this book.'

True to form, he considers his nonstop writing in moral terms. "A book tends to burn a hole in my soul until I finish." he says. "It's both a

virtue and a vice. "I don't know where the impulse to write comes from," he continues, "Is it just an addiction to storytelling, or is it more—the desire to compel people to listen, to have a profound moral impact, or to have a profound resolution in our own psyches?"

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Prince Joachim of Denmark will marry Alexandra Christina Manley, a British economist at a Hong Kong investment firm. Joachim is the son of Queen Margrethe of Denmark and her consort, Prince Henrik. overdose. The Augusta (Georgia) Chron-

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Ivana Trump is writing an advice column for the supermarket tabloid the Globe that promises 'straight-from-the-heart answers" to questions about love, money, marriage, children, fashion or fitness. Her first column is due for publication June 13. just before her June 17 wedding to the Italian inessman Riccardo Mazzucchelli.

James Brown's wife, Adrienne, has been released from a hospital in Aiken. South Carolina, after almost two weeks there, reportedly being treated for a drug

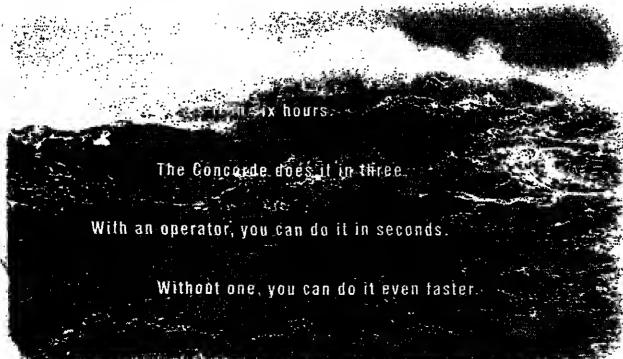
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Publishers have always been averse to releasing hard-cover titles in the summer. preferring to wait for the more bookish fall: Scheduling author interviews and tours is tricky during the summer. But this year, for marketing reasons, a oumber of best-selling authors - including Pat Conroy, Stephen King, Anne Rice and Danielle Steel - will have books published in June and July with in a few weeks of one another.

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